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RADICAL CHANGES IN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Congress Receives Recommendation of District Commissioners and May Grant Much that is Asked.

NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION TO COME IN POWER

Miss Minnie Brown's Recital—National Memorial Meeting in Honor of Booker T. Washington—"Grimke High School Rising"—Dr. Evans having his "Day in Court"—Kindergarten Night at Bethel Literary—Mu-So-Lits Memorialize Tuskegee Chieftain—Big Men in Town—News in a Nutshell.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The expected has happened. As predicted in these columns months ago, the district commissioners have recommended, in their very comprehensive report to Congress, radical changes in the public school system for this community. There is a general belief that the changes will be made substantially as advocated by the city's administrators, for the reason that the people are sick and tired of the perpetual racket that has been occasioned by the clashes in the schools of both races, and especially is the din distasteful to the colored people, for it appears that it is the colored schools that the storm center is usually located. It may be that we think the latter true, because we are nearer to the Negro's center of confusion than to that of the whites—and it may be that they carry on their domestic battles with less fuss and feathers than is characteristic of our race. In any event, the people want peace, and it must be had, even if the price is found to be a little steep. Little can be lost in the long run, for almost any kind of a change is considered better than the chaos that has become a stench in the nostrils of the friends of civic righteousness and educational progress. Fair play and a restoration of the merit system is wanted, and it has been acknowledged that only through a change of system and a change of administrators could this be secured. If the commissioners have their way, the district has a chance to get what it has long wanted.

The report of the commissioners, among many other things, urges that the present Board of Education of nine be dissolved and that a new board of five members be named by the commissioners, with such powers as the commissioners may prescribe. All appointments, promotions, dismissals, etc., are to be made by the commissioners, and not by the board, as formerly. The office of Superintendent of Schools is to be abolished and a Director of Education is to take over the function of looking after the scolastic end, with a salary of $6,000 per annum. Two assistant superitnendents are provided for at a salary of $4,000 per annum, an increase of $1,000. One of these, of course, will be colored. Who? Nobody can guess, but it is safe to say, it will not be the "present incumcant." The effect of a reduced board on its colored membership remains to be seen. In the present crisis, the main thing is to get a "square deal."

If the colored people lose anything in the way of representation under the new system, they have only themselves to blame. It is believed that the commissioners will give our people fair play all along the line.

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Editor Manning "in our Midst."

Mr. A. E. Manning, editor of the Indianapolis World, and advance courier of the National Democratic Committee, reached town last Saturday and is busy this week with the session of the committee that is fixing the time and place of the next national convention of the Jeffersonian party. Mr. Manning is usually the custodian of the prized $100,000 check that is put up by the city that wins the convention.

Mr. Manning's host of friends, chief among them Bishop Alexander Walters, are extremely anxious to have him "land" a position under the administration commensurate with long party service and unflagging loyalty, and they still have strong hopes that a suitable berth will be found for him. It is said that he might be persuaded to accept the Recordership of Deeds, if it should be tendered. This desirable plum is still unplucked and the $4,000 salary is lapsing. It is an open secret that Mr. Manning could have had the Liberian Mission, but declined it, and joined Bishop Walters in the recommendation that led to the selection of Lawyer James L. Curtis, of New York. Indiana will be an important state in next year's presidential battle and it is hinted that the knitted brow of the independent colored voters of Hoosierdom would give away to a broad grin of delight if their favorite son, "Alex." Manning, should be handed a goodly slice of federal pie.

Mr. Manning recently attended the funeral of Dr. Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee Institute, and his description of the scenes there is graphic and pathetic. He was the first colored man in Indiana to bring Dr. Washington to the attention of the colored people of that state. He was deeply moved by the death of his revered chieftain.

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Eminent Pythians in Litigation.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, of New Orleans, La., Chancellor Joseph L. Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Supreme Attorney S. A. T. Watkins and Major R. R. Jackson, of Chicago, Supreme Keeper of Record and Seals E. E. Underwood, of Frankfort, Ky., and others representing the Supreme Lodge, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A., are here this week in connection with litigation in the United States Court touching the contempt proceedings growing out of the controversy of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias with Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr., and his colleagues of the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia. The best legal talent in the country is involved in the case and there seems to be a "battle royal" in sight.

Notwithstanding the seriousness of the issues involved, the numerous friends of the litigants have been making it pleasant for them and the capital is honored to have these distinguished fraternity leaders among us.

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Grand Soiree by the Famous "Soap Box Club."

The third annual soriee of the famous "Soap Box Club," given last Friday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, was the "swellest" social affair marking the pre-holiday season. The attendance was large and representative of the best the capital affords in beauty, fashion, intellect and culture. The ladies were daintily gowned in marvels of the modeste's art and the gentlemen in evening garb, completed a picture that was good to look upon. The members of the club wore badges across their bosoms that were decidedly unique and attractive. The latest dance music was furnished by Prof. Charles Hamilton's orchestra and all of the "big numbers" were enthusiastically encored. Many out-of-town visitors, including ladies and gentlemen from New York City, Baltimore and Richmond, were present and added much to the gayety of the occasion. Prof. Purviance, of Baltimore, an instructor in the technique of the modern dance, demonstrated a group of the newest evolutions. The "Soap Box Club," whose annual receptions are always notable events in society, is made up as follows: Andrew J. Payne, president; George L. Walton, vice-president;; Talbert E. Dowling, secretary; Albert H. Adams, financial secretary; Nelson D. Newman, treasurer; Ferdinand A. Bradley, sergeant-at-arms; W. P. Thomas, Eugene B. Letcher, Frank B. Thompson, Harry A. Cole, George A. Younger, J. Garfield Harris, Charles M. Francis and Stephen O. Plummer.

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U. S. M. Maxwell Buys Out Business of Lieut. Pinchback.

Mr. U. S. M. Maxwell, one of Washington's most enterprising and farseeing business men, has purchased the poolroom and cigar emporium at 1819 14th street, which has been operated for a number of years with signal success by Lieut. Walter A. Pinchback. The stand is a popular one with the young men of "The Smart Set," and is a familiar debating ground for the leaders who know "what's what" in politics, religion and educational problems. Here all the "national issues" are settled overnight and adjustments by Congress and the administration are purely perfunctory—as far as this intellectual "Lime Kiln Club" is concerned.

Mr. Maxwell has a large personal following throughout the District, and already it is being demonstrated that his host of friends purpose to rally to him and make his ne wventure as profitable under his management as it has been under the Pinchback regime. He will have direct charge of both this enterprise and his well-appointed tonsorial establishment on S street, about a block away. He will be assisted at the 14th street stand by the young man who has been with the business for a number of years and his S street affairs will be ably handled in his absence by his trained "understudy." Mr. Maxwell has other investments that bring excellent returns and is showing himself to be one of the really "solid" men of the town.

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"Kindergarten Night" at Bethel Literary.

Kindergarten work and training were discussed at the meeting of the Bethel Literary and Historical Association at Metropolitan A. M. E. church Tuesday evening. Miss Marie A. D. Madre, the only woman ever elected president of the society and now serving her fifth term, presided in her usual graceful and affable manner. The program, which was supplied by the Kindergarten Parents-Teachers' Association of the District of Columbia, led by Miss Charlotte E. Hunter, principal of the kindergarten department at the Miner Normal School, embraced addresses on topics germane to the work by Miss Helen Gordon, principal of the kindergarten department of the Wilson Normal School; Miss Winchester, of the United States Bureau of Education; Miss Martha McLear, of the Teachers' College, Howard University, and Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook, of the Board of Education. Music was contributed by Miss Charlotte M. Wallace, of the public schools and by the choir of the 19th Street Baptist church, under the direction of Prof. Roy W. Tibbs, of Howard University. Miss Madre, Rev. C. Harold Stepteau, Rev. George Sewall, Willis M. Menard and Rev. E. W. Williams took part in the interesting discussion that followed the addresses.

Some of the attractions offered by President Madre for the next few weeks include: "Howard University Night," December 21; "Y. W. C. A. Night," January 4; Mrs. Ida Gibbs-Hunt address on "Experiences in the Diplomatic Service Abroad," January 18; "Business Night," January 25; Address by Prof. William Pickens, dean of Morgan College, Baltimore, February 8. Mrs. Hunt, mentioned above, is the accomplished wife of Hon. W. H. Hunt, United States Consul at St. Etienne, France, and formerly stationed at Tamatave, Madagascar. She is the daughter of the late Judge Mifflin W. Gibbs, of Arkansas.

Underlined for an appearance in February is the favorite prima donna and apostle of musical development for the race, Mme. E. Azalia Hackley, principal of the Normal Vocal Institute, Chicago.

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Dr. W. Bruce Evans Granted His Long-Sought "Day in Court."

As this letter is being mailed to the country, the celebrated case of Dr. W. Bruce Evans against the Board of Education is being heard before Justice W. P. Stafford in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The result must be made the subject of a later communication.

Dr. Evans drew "first blood" in the preliminary battle a few days ago, when the Board of Education attempted to get a demurrer through, after having delayed the hearing twice by "continuances." Justice Stafford cut across lots and dismissing all quibbles set forth by the counsel for the Board, denied the plea for a demurrer and insisted that an issue be joined and tried out in open court. After much shuffling, an agreement was reached by which both parties would be ready for a trial of the case on its merits on the following Monday, December 6.

The particulars of this interesting struggle for justice on the part of Dr. Evans are well known to the nation. Without trial, as prescribed by law, Dr. Evans was summarily dismissed as principal of Armstrong Manual Training School and as assistant director of night schools for the District. The separation was recommended by Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce, without warning,, although the two had been warm personal friends of long standing. The shock broke down the health of Dr. Evans and until recently, the life of the deposed educator had been in the balance. He has had the entire sympathy of the public and the repeated denials of some form of relief by the authorities has been condemned upon all sides. The administration of Mr. Bruce has suffered greatly in the popular esteem by the so-called "lynching" of his erstwhile friend and co-worker.

In his petition to the court, to which Dr. Evans repaired as a last resort, he asks that writ of mandamus be issued to compel the Board of Education to reinstate him to his former position as principal of the Armstrong Manual Training School. Reciting all of the facts connected with his dismissal without a hearing and without the assignment of a reasonable cause, he contends that his removal was the result of a conspiracy on the part of certain members of the Board of Education.

It is upon this issue that the trial set for today is being fought out. Widespread interest is being attracted, because of the far-reaching effect the result will have upon the affairs of the colored schools, in which chaos has existed continuously in recent years. A victory for Dr. Evans will mean his return to his school and the recovery of his salary for two services during the years he has been absent from his post, amounting to about $11,000. A defeat for the opponents of Dr. Evans spells the beginning of the end of the disastrous Bruce dynasty in the local school system.

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The "Race Question" in Matrimonial "Mix-up."

Attorneys William L. Hawkins and A. W. Gray, coolred, are the representatives of Mrs. Anna J. Linney, a white woman, who has entered suit against her husband for separate maintenance. Mrs. Linney, who before her marriage to the defendant, Thomas L. Linney, was a widow with two children, alleges that she was led into believing the said Linney was a Caucasian until shortly before the birth of their child in October, 1914, when she discovered that her husband was "a Negro and that she had been deceived as to his race." The wife alleges farther that because of the discovery of her husband's race she has been ostracized by her relatives and former friends. The petition sets forth that the Linneys were married December 17, 1913, in Philadelphia. The wife asks a reasonable amount of alimony that she may maintain herself and her children apart from Linney, and Justice McCoy, of the District Supreme Court has cited the case for an early hearing.

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Miss Minnie Brown in Recital at John Wesley Church.

Miss Minnie Brown, the accomplished vocalist, backed by a splendid reputation as a singer through her long connection with the choir of St. Mark's M. E. church, New York City, and distinct triumphs as a prima donna with leading theatrical combinations, appeared in recital at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church Friday evening and was warmly greeted by a large and sympathetic audience of music-lovers. They enjoyed a rare treat. Miss Brown was in excellent voice and her mellow high notes completely filled the immense auditorium. The fair diva in all of her varied selections gave evidence of close study and there is marked improvement in every phase of her technique, as compared with her earlier efforts in this community, which she honors by calling it her sometime home, and where she is universally liked, both for her pronounced talents and charming personality. The range of selections was wide, and none of the numbers had been presented here by Miss Brown. The one regret expressed is that she did not render at least a single reminder of "old times," even at the risk of lowering the tone of the classic recital. In the rendition of "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier," and "Red, Red Rose," Miss Brown won a regiment of admirers in this city, and they never tire of these tuneful airs, tinctured with the sentiment she puts into them.

Miss Brown opened with Tschaikowsky's "Jeanne D'Arc" (Farewell Ye Mountains), recitative and aria, and showed dramatic force, as well as discriminating vocal modulation, and handled the difficult passages with a strength that did not seem to lie in her petite physical make-up. Her volume is remarkable and her voice possesses a flexibility that permits her to shade her notes at will and portray sentiment with a finesse that brings out the true soul of the composer.

Miss Brown is conscientious to the last degree and does not slight the most insignificant detail in her work. She knows her limitations, apparently, and is wise enough to attempt nothing beyond her powers, and yet never fails to satisfy the most fastidious. With a top note that reaches and commands, she seems not to find it necessary to use many of the trills and vocal gymnastics that some artists revel in for display purposes—although this is not to their discredit. It is a difference in method. Miss Brown is as well-grounded in the dramatic aspect of her music as in the vocal interpretation, and sings her song for what the song is worth, while not neglecting the by-plays that please.

The repertoire included "Serenta" (Tosti); "I Know a Lovely Garden" (D'Hardelo); "Still Wie Die Nacht" (Bohm); "Because" (D'Hardelot); "Vision" (S. Coleridge-Taylor); "Tide" (H. T. Burleigh), all of the selections being rendered with artistic finish rather than with theatrical flourish. She was generously applauded throughout.

The Amphion Glee Club, which as sung to Presidents of the United States, the Supreme Court, Congress and the diplomatic corps, in the twenty-three years it has been in existence, fairly divided honors with the star of the evening. Under the gracefully-wielded baton of Director J. Henry Lewis, the Amphions sang with all of their old-time fervor such favorites as the "Rain Song" by Will Marion Cook, "Break, Break, Break" (Meyer); "Comrades in Arms" (Adams); "Until the Dawn" (Parks), interpolating their huomrous "Bargain Song," which invariably makes a hit with the ladies.

Mme. Emma Lee Williams, who has won laurels on many occasions as an elocutionist, fairly outshone herself in two well-chosen dramatic offerings, "The Story of an Uprising in Ireland," and "A Grandmother's Story." Mme. Williams is essentially natural and loses herself in the character she assumes and holds the closest attention of her hearers.

The recital was under the auspices of the Amphion Glee Club, for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., which realized a neat sum from the affair. Mr. William H. J. Beckett, the genial executive secretary of the association, in a brief speech, voiced the thanks of the audience for its liberal patronage.

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The "Charlotte Forten Grimke High School."

This is the name that the Board of Education has decided the new building, to take the place of the M Street High School shall bear. The selection is made to honor the memory of Mrs. Charlotte Forten Grimke, a former member of the Board of Education, and who has won fame as an author, organizer and a factor in the civic and social uplift of the race in the earlier days of our development. The new structure is in course of erection and is located on First street between N and O streets northwest. It will cost more than a half million dollars, and will be ready for occupany in a few months. The old M Street High School may be converted into a vocational center, if the recommendation of Prof. Arthur C. Newman, the head of the Cardozo Vocational School is carried into effect.

TOWN TOPICS IN TABLOID.

Howard University's football team, which had such a hard rub at Hampton Institute on Thanksgiving day, is to be strengthened for future contests. The faculty will give the revised team greater encouragement than the existing team claims to have received.

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Congress is "on our hands."

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Bishop Alexander Walters, the race's most commanding political and religious figure, has been in the city this week, witnessing the opening scenes of the 64th Congress and attending the session of the Democratic National Committee, which met here to set the time and place for the next national convention.

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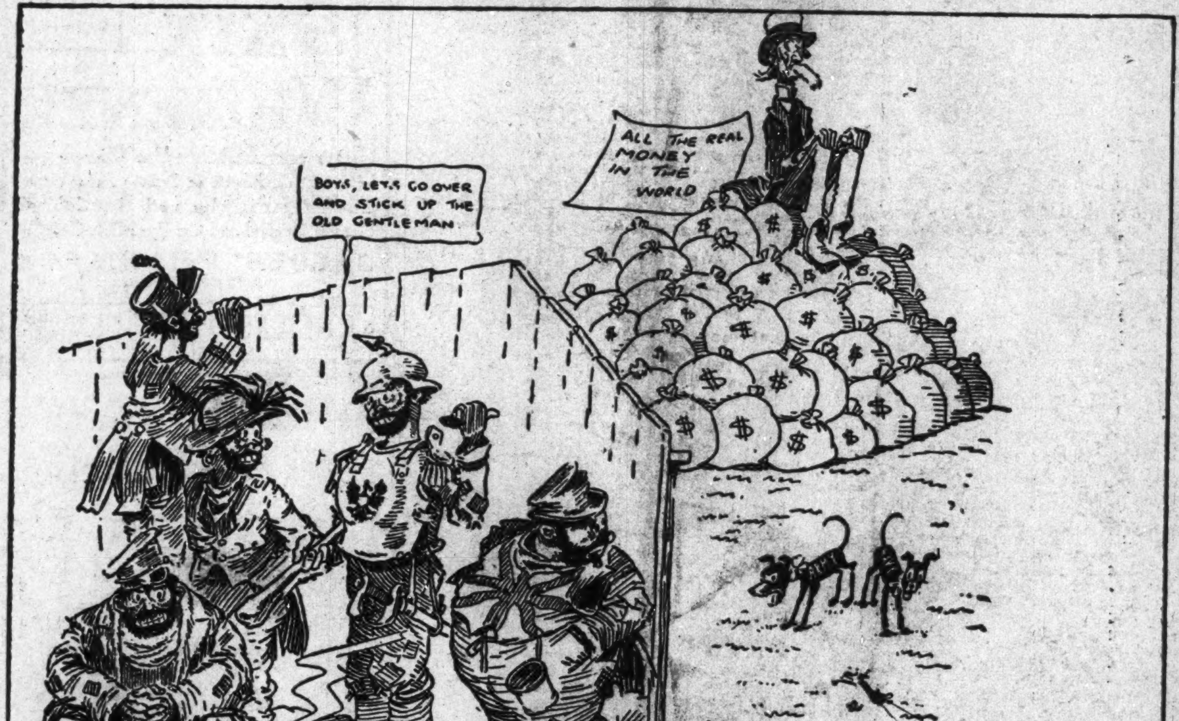
The local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. observed the birthday of Wendell Phillips on the 29th ult., at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church. The address of the evening was delivered by Mr. Charles Edward Russell, the eminent sociologist. Mr. A. H. Grimke presided.

WE'LL NEED A COUPLE OF REAL DOGS WHEN THE WAR IS OVER.


BOYS, LET'S GO OVER AND STICK UP THE OLD GENTLEMAN
ALL THE REAL MONEY IN THE WORLD
ARMY
EUROPE

—Ireland in Columbus Dispatch.

CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION.

National Equal Rights Convention to be Held in Philadelphia Dec. 13 and 14, with National Observance of 50th Anniversary of 13th Amendment Dec. 15—Colored Americans Invited to be Delegates.

THE CALL.

Dear Fellow Comrades for Equal Rights:

As has been already announced, the Eighth Annual Convention of the National Independent Equal Rights League is to be held in the city of Philadelphia on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Dec. 13, 14 and 15. All the sessions are to be held in the beautiful and spacious edifice of the Allen M .E. church, of which the Rev. W. S. Carpenter, D. D., is the pastor.

A specially and vitally important feature connected with the League's Convention Dec. 13 and 14 will be the National Civic celebration of the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the 13th amendment to our Federal Constitution.

Some of the ablest men of both races in this country are to be among the speakers, including John E. Milholland, R. C. Ransom, W. M. Trotter, W. A. Hawkins and others.

All churches, lodges, benevolent associations, political clubs, regardless of sect or party, are requested to send two or more delegates to the celebration of so notable an event as the semi-centennial of the enactment of the 13th amendment.

All colored Americans, regardless of their relation to this league, and all sincere friends of our people who are honestly and earnestly contending for full liberty and equality of rights, are most cordially invited to attend. Dr. Wm. A. Sinclair, 1221 Pine street, is the secretary for local arrangements. Let us, one and all, unite to make this, the Eighth Annual Convention of the league, the best and most powerful in its history.

Help in this celebration. Will you refer to it in meetings of organizations? Attend if possible.

Yours for freedom of the race.
B. GUNNER, President.

YOUNG JOURNALIST DISCUSSES DIGNITY OF THE PRESS.

Mrs. L. B. Fouse to Speak at Mass Meeting in Chicago.

By Hardin Tolbert.

Mr. Fred A. Payne discussed the "Dignity of the Press" as follows:

I feel it is not out of place that a thought should be expressed for the sake of the press. I have nothing whatever to say in favor of nor against either side of any present controversy, and am not writing to attract any of the public's attention to myself. What I have to say will not require an answer but will answer itself. When a man has had his fingers in the printers' ink for fifteen years and has served in every capacity from "devil boy" up to editor, he must have had sufficient experience to express an opinion one way or the other on journalistic proceedure. Whenever a man has to so change the color of his article as to resort to the use of obscene language in order to give to his discourse the desired forcefulness and effectiveness, in the eyes of the better class of journalists he ceases to be a successful newspaper man, and by the liberal thinking public he is not looked upon as a writer of any great degree of ability. I am saying this for no selfish motive, but am voluntarily dropping it in as a hint in defense of the dignity of the press.

Mrs. L. B. Fouse, former president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, National Director of the Galeada and Metoka Association of the Baptists, who has gone to Chicago to meet the convention of the World's Workers, a Christian denomination undenominational. Mrs. Fouse is a forceful speaker; she spoke at the Chicago Exposition.

Miss Virginia Silvey, the daughter of Rev. W. T. Silvey, at Frankfort, deceased, was buried Wednesday.

Read The Freeman for all news all of the time.

ANNUAL LITERARY CONTEST DEC. 19

Successor to Hon. S. W. Green is Being Discussed Here and in all Sections of the United States

COL. JOHN MARSHALL HEAD OF APPOMATTOX

M. T. Bailey Entertains Officers of the City Federation—Bert Williams, the Celebrated Comedian, Appearing at the Illinois Theatre with the Follies—Miss Elizabeth Clark Entertains Brides to be—Secretary Jackson Making Good—Miss Lelia Stubbs Coming Christmas—City Federation Meets.

(By Carey B. Lewis.)

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Chicago, Ill., December 9.—The first of the year Appomattox Club will have a new president. It will be Col. John R. Marshall. The distinguished soldied and citizen was elected on last Saturday night at the club rooms, running away ahead of his opponent, Hon. S. A. T. Watkins, who had served one term. Col. Marshall is one of the charter members of the club and has served nearly all offices of the club. The presidential bee had been flying around his bonnet and he decided several weeks ago to make the race. His many frinds, and they are legion, got behind him and the race was made. He beat his opponent almost two to one. Col. Marshall is one of the most widely known men in America. He was the first colonel of the first colored regiment in the world, 8th Illinois National Guard. He distinguished himself in the Spanish-American war as colonel of the Eighth. For over twenty years he has been prominently identified in the military life of this community and State. He is a lifelong friend of former Governor Deneen and Congressman Martin B. Madden. Mrs. Marshall, his wife, is one of Chicago's most popular women. Some two years ago she had an attack of paralysis but is in splendid health again. Miss Essie Arnold, their niece, has for quite awhile enjoyed the distinction of being one of Chicago's most popular society girls. The many friends of Col. and Mrs. Marshall are elated over the election. It means another successful administration of Appomattox Club. Col. Marshall has been invited by the Kentucky Negro Exposition to be present at Louisville, Ky., on the opening day at Louisville July 27 to represent Illinois.

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City Federation Meets.

Fifty-six clubs comprising the City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, of which Mrs. Jessie Johnson is president, with delegates from LaGrange, Evanston, Glencoe, Lake Forest, Waukegon, Harvey, Morgan Park, Joliet, Aurora and Milwaukee convened at Institutional church Monday at 10 o'clock. The morning session was spent in hearing reports of the individual clubs as to charitable work performed by them during the last quarter. In the afternoon resolutions were adopted endorsing the appointment of Mrs. Blanche Gilmer, who succeeds Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett as adult probation officer. Resolutions were endorsed for holding memorial exercises for Booker T. Washington at St. Mark's church on next Sunday afternoon. A report was made for assistance to be given the various charitable homes for the race.

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Essay Contest at Olivet Church.

The sixth annual literary contest will be held Sunday afternoon, December 19, at Olivet Baptist church. For the past five years the contest has been held at Bethel A. M. E. church, but this year it goes to a Baptist church. In order to inspire young men and women to make research into the history of the race; to give public such valuable information after careful preparation, Mr. B. W. Fitts, a successful business man, inaugurated six years ago these contests. They have been successful ever since. He had Dr. Louie Usellman, a jeweler and optician, become interested and the jeweler would offer annually two diamonds for the successful contestants. Each year just before Christmas the contest would be pulled off and thousands of people have been joyfully benefited by these contests. From this literary the writer has won two diamonds and a gold fountain pen; the three he has and cherishes. The contest this year will be bigger and better than ever. The subject for discussion will be "What is the Greatest Hindrance to the Advancement of the Negro in the United States of America?" The contestants are Miss Mattie Fisher and W. E. King, Standard Literary; Miss Leonora Curtis, Jolly Twenty Club; Miss Gladys McAlister and John Felton, University Society; Miss Marie Goings and William Powell, Star Literary; Miss Leonora Webster and Chas. Munday; St. Mark Lyceum; Mrs. Duncan Webster, City Federation of Women's Clubs. Each contestant is allowed to select his own judge. The papers have been turned in and will rotate among all the judges. They will be marked knowledge of the subject, 50 per cent., composition, 30 per cent., and delivery, 20 per cent. They will be delivered at the same time at Olivet Baptist church Sunday, December 19. Mr. J. E. Mitchem, one of the promoters, expects the church to be crowded. The papers have been given the judges by numbers the same as Civil Service Commission and the delivery will not be marked until Sunday, December 19. The contest will be fair from every viewpoint. A splendid musical program has been arranged for the occasion. Dr. Ussellman, 3150 State street, is being praised for his generosity and for such his many friends have begun their plans to purchase their Christmas presents at his place of business.

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Who Will Be the Next Supreme Chancellor?

Although it is a little early to talk Pythian matters, yet it is bubbling here and in all parts of the country and the question is being asked who will succeed Hon. S. W. Green for the Supreme Chancellorship of the Knights of Pythias. It is a foregone conclusion that the administration forces will be powerless to tide him over at the next election and his probable successor is talked of about as much as the probable candidate for the president of the Republican ticket. Nothing has been said in print about the matter and likely this is the first time but it is being talked over nevertheless. Mr. Green has Virginia against him and he is fast losing out in his home State, Louisiana, and Illinois, a State that has always backed him is said to be found in the lukewarm column. Tennessee and New York are on the anxious seat for another candidate and way goes his strength in these States. Reports are being received here that Mr. Green is losing out in nearly every sction. So the question is who will be the most available man to succeed him and put the Supreme Lodge on a basis where it was when the lamented Samuel W. Starks died. Mr. Green, it is said, has had easy sailing for the past eight years because the Pythians have had such a triumphant march all over the country, especially in the South and this was not due to any efforts of Mr. Green, but the active work of the State Grand Chancellors and other officers in pushing Pythianism. In some quarters the names of several good men have been announced for the place, but they are reticent about their names being made public so soon. At any rate, a hot time awaits Mr. Green at the next sitting of the Supreme Lodge. His staunch supporters see the hand writing on the wall; they see defeat coming but will not be quoted. This they all say: a bigger and stronger man should be at the head of the Supreme Lodge and Green has had his day in Pythian leadership.

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M. T. Bailey Entertains Officers of City Federation Clubs.

Mr. M. T. Bailley, one of the most widely known business men in the city of Chicago and connected with the City Press Association, extended an invitation to the officers of the City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the State Federation of Clubs, officers of the National Federation of Women's Clusb, togther with their special guests to dine on Monday at Institutional church, where the City Federation was in session. As soon as the invitation was offered, every member present was upon their feet, desiring to accept the invitation and thanking Mr. Bailey for his kind offer. Several elegant speeches were made and a rising vote of thanks was taken and the invited officers and their friends repaired to the dining hall, where sumptuous dinner was served. Mr. Bailey has now grown 100 per cent. in the estimation of the good women of the city of Chicago. Mr. Bailey is manager of the Milton Mercantile Agency, 3638 State street. He is also manager of the Bailey Press Club.

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Alexander A. Jackson, Ex-Secretary.

Mr. Alexander A. Jackson, Executive Secretary of the Wabash Avenue Association, is making splendid progress at this institution. Under his administration, the association has a membership of 1,047, whereas this time last year the membership was just a little over three hundred. His assistants, Mr. Charles Pierce and Mr. J. E. S. Stamjs, business secretary, are giving him valuable assistance. Dr. George C. Hall, presdent of the executive committee, is greatly pleased with the work now being done at the Association and the system of business meets the approval of the men quartered there. Young Edward Thompson, a Chicago boy, but who received his business education at Indianapolis, Ind., and his practical education in the Freeman office, is now one of the clerks. He, too, is giving splendid service and well thought of by all the men and officials. The writer returned at the "Y" last week and was very pleased with the kindly reception given him by old-time friends, all expressing sympathy in the loss of his mother.

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Mrs. Lovey Dudley at Pompeii.

Mrs. Lovie Dudley, who has been leader of the orchestra at the Monogram Theatre all the summer, is at the Pompeii Cafe during the Drake-Walker stay at the Monogram. Mrs. Dudley is quite a musician, having written several very popular numbers. There was some talk of she and Miss Elvira Johnson going to Louisville, but they are still entertaining the Chicago public to the delight of all.

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Bert Williams Here.

Bert Williams, famous comedian, is here with the Follies at the Illinois Theater. He has three spots in the show and as usual takes the house with applause nightly. Mr. Williams is singing "Neutrality" with great success. He will be here four weeks. He is stopping in the "loop district."

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Forms Close December 15.

Forms of the Indianapolis Freeman will close for the Exposition number. Mr. William Lewis, editorial writer on the Freeman and who has much of the matter in preparation, writes that it will be the biggest number in the history of The Freeman. From a pictorial and educational point it will be a beauty, writes the editor. Every advertiser should get in this number, as thousands will be sold in all parts of the United States. It will be the only big Christmas issue of the year.

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Miss Stubbs Coming Xmas.

Miss Leila Stubbs, a graduate of Provident Hospital and later a city employe, but at Dayton, Ohio, is expected to return for the holidays. Miss Stubbs was originally from Boston, Mass., a typical society girl, but loved to be of service in social settlement work. While here she made many friends who will gladly entertain her during Yuletide.

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Lloyd Hall a Chemist.

Mr. Lloyd Hall, of Aurora, Ill., but who has been in Chicago for some time, passed the civil service examination for chemist. A few days ago he was

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Short Flights

By R. W. Thompson.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

By Dr. Charles Henry Phillips, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.

Unheralded, unannounced, he came into the world;
Heir to poverty and toil, a humble slave whose
Plight was pitiable. Yet from those servile depths
He rose to heights of power, fame and glory,
Where, like a blazing start, whose light will not dim,
He shone most brilliantly.
All men he taught how noble is a trade,
And with a burning eloquence that shook
The Exposition Hall, fulmined o'er Atlanta
To both Americas and thence the world,
He plead great labor's cause.
Tuskegee was his boon to men—a lasting paradigm,
As long as mortals work with hand and knowledge is the goal.
And when his summons came to quit the walks of men
It found him in the harness worn, tired, ready, as
His soul went home to rest.
And Sunday he died, the premier of a race,
A nation's leader, a great world-character, an
Apostle of good will. Uneventful was his birth,
But how different the end, which came a loss
And shock to all mankind.

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"Shop early!"

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Grafters to the rear—march!

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"America First"—no matter what happens.

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Let us have a "Booker T. Washington Day" every year.

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Now and then we hear of a church getting out of debt.

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The government—and all the rest of us—need more revenue.

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"Preparedness" is not a partisan question—it is an American precaution.

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The income tax is not a burden to any of the folks with whom we associate.

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Congratulations, Mr. President! May you and your prospective bride live long and prosper!

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Listen to "Abe Martin," who thus chirps blithely: "Cheer up! Ther hain't nobuddy everbuddy likes."

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For reasons that need not be discussed at length here, we are not going to Europe on Henry Ford's "peace ship."

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Booker T. Washington is reaping the rich fruit of a life well lived, of talents admirably exercised, of constant devotion to lofty ideals.

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Dr. C. V. Roman's announcement is about ready for the palpitating public. He will spring a surprise on his brethren—but it will be one that all will like.

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Cincinnati is putting up a $100,000 colored Y. M. C. A. building. Julius Rosenwald, the great Chicago merchant philanthropist, recently gave $25,000 toward the project.

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Charles Banks has reopened the Bank of Mound Bayou, Miss., and the institution is now on a firmer foundation than ever. Mr. Banks is a business man from the word "go."

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The Danville (Ky.) Torch Light, carried so brilliantly forward for many years by Rev. J. E. Wood, is out in a new dress. This thoughtful journal is a powerful instrument for religious and racial light and leading.

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Mme. E. Azalia Hackley's new college of music at Chicago is a valuable addition to the agencies for racial uplift in a highly profitable field of endeavor. We shall have much to say of this wonderful woman in the near future.

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Counsellor J. Frank Wheaton would make a "dandy" assistant district attorney for New York City. Such an appointment by District Attorney Swann would please the Negro people from coast to coast.

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The cry of "hard times" ought to cease in view of the volume of marriarges that took place about Thanksgiving day, with more to follow at the Xmastide. Nobody would get married if times were really hard.

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Judge Robert H. Terrell, of the municipal court, Washington, D. C., has been receiving a royal welcome at the hands of the good people of Texas. He was piloted by that energetic son of the "Lone Star State," Rufus G. Byars.

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Cleveland G. Allen, New York's foremost general correspondent, is contributing some forceful letters to the contemporaneous press. He is not only a conscientious reporter—he is an advocate of rare resourcefulness and strength.

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Better get land now, colored men and women! The close of the European war will mean the rush of home-seekers to our shores and unless the black man, who belongs here, takes time by the forelock, he is apt to be crowded to the wall and crushed in the melee.

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United States Minister James L. Curtis has a great opportunity in Liberia, where international complications are likely to break out at any moment because of British and German rivalry as to the commerce of the black republic. The friends of Minister Curtis are confident that he will distinguish himself at the court of Monrovia.

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It is all settled now that Kansas City, Mo., will be the seat of the 1916 meeting of the National Negro Business League. The executive committee, in a session held at Tuskegee Institute, unanimously agreed upon the metropolis of western Missouri as the place and the third Wednesday in August next as the time. Everybody should be there.

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Since the wave of opposition to the hyphenated American has become so strong, the use of the term "Afro-American" has grown less and less frequent. Plain "American" will describe our nationality and "Negro" will indicate our erstwhile connection with the African fatherland and the blood of Ham in our veins. The hyphen is headed for the discard.

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Booker T. Washington's last message to the country urged "Co-operation." His last word to the students at Tuskegee Institute emphasized "Team-work." The two terms mean the same thing. It is up to the race to show its appreciation of the wisdom of the deceased leader to follow to the letter the wise admonition left as a legacy to the people he loved so well.

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"Finis" may be appropriately written on the suit filed in the courts for that $68,000,000 said to belong to the producers of certain cotton in the Southland before and after the war. The secretary of the treasury says there is no such fund in the government's strong box and that money spent with attorneys for the distribution of such alleged fund is money wasted.

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One of the very best of the poetical tributes paid to the memory of Dr. Booker T. Washington was that which emanated from the pen of Dr. Charles Henry Phillips, of St. Louis, Mo., a young man for whom the "wizard" had long evinced a deep interest and whose steady advancement has been a source of great pleasure to him. The poem referred to is reproduced above, to give all a chance to be inspired by its lofty sentiment and dignified rhythm.

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The Lexington (Ky.) Leader struck the nail on the head when it said: "Booker Washington sought to instill into the minds of the colored folk of the Southland the idea that they must not be medicants, but men—that they must, in short, equip themselves mentally, physically and spiritually for their rightful places in the world's great battle, and having done this, to stand firm in the faith that all else will be added unto them to the full measure of the fitness of things."

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The Mosaic Guide, of Little Rock, Ark., owned by J. E. Bush and the Mosaic Templars of America, is urging the election of Emmett J. Scott for principal of Tuskegee Institute, to succeed the late Dr. Washington. It gives Mr. Scott's long identification with the institution and thorough knowledge of its needs and possibilities, and his wide-acquaintance with the powerful influences of the country that are needed to maintain Tuskegee Institute's lofty standard, as a few of the reasons for putting Mr. Scott forward as the logical man for the place.

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Correctly, a great deal of denunciation is heard in the American press relative to the execution by the Germans of Miss Edith Cavell, an English nurse, who was accused of violating certain military regulations while pursuing her profession in a hospital in Belgium. These same papers, however, are woefully silent when a Negro American is lynched, without a hearing, at the hands of judge or jury, in many of our home states. Sympathy should be expansive enough to cover those of our own country who suffer unjustly, as well as the unfortunates of other lands.

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Bishop Alexander Walters is a towering figure in the political, as well as the religious life of the American nation. His broad-gauged policies in church and state are being more generally recognized as their efficacy are being more generally understood. His absolute unselfishness and constant activity in helping others are traits that make him stand out in a commanding light among the leaders of his day and generation. Bishop Walters has grown upon the country as he grew upon the church and race. Power and promotion are the logical rewards for the labors of this remarkable man.

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Statistics seem to point out Editor William H. Steward, of the American Baptist, Louisville, Ky., as the "dean of the colored press." Brother Steward has been continuously in the journalistic arena for forty years. He began in 1875 as associate editor of the Baptist Herald, with Rev. G. W. Dupee as chief. The Herald was merged into the American Baptist in 1879, with Rev. A. C. Carpenter as editor and Rev. G. W. Dupee and Brother W. H. Steward as associate editors. The latter has been connected with the American Baptist ever since, as editor or associate, giving him an uninterrupted newspaper service of forty years.

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A group of "soulless economists" in the A. M. E. church insist that the connection can save $30,000 in salaries and expenses during the next quadrennium by the simple process of not filling the three vacancies now existing on its bench of Bishops. These economists, unmindful of the ambitions of a host of the clergy, claim that the present staff of Bishops can perform all the work the church needs during the coming four years. No doubt some of these so-called "tight-wads" will have to be talked to, eloquently and persuasively, by the patronage pushers who are committed to the theory that economy in the matter of salaries is heresy.

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The National Negro Business League is fortunate in having at the helm such seasoned veterans as J. C. Napier, chairman of the executive committee, Charles Banks, first vice-president, and Emmett J. Scott, who are now the ranking officers of the league. For years they have stood at the right hand of Dr. Washington and are thoroughly in touch with the constructive policies that have made the Business League one of the most potent agencies extant for the practical upbuilding of the Negro people. They will carry on the work along the old lines and it is believed they will maintain, in every way, the high standard set by the league's illustrious founder.

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The sympathy of the united press of the race goes out to Cary B. Lewis, of the Chicago Defender and the Indianapolis Freeman, because of the recent loss of his mother, who died a short time ago in Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Lewis was a splendid woman, possessing natural ability of the highest order and spirit of helpfulness that earned her the love of a host of friends throughout the community in which she lived and served. She gave to the world a son who has proven in every way worthy of her and who has made a lasting impression upon the profession that gladly claims him as its own. Cary B. Lewis, as a journalist and literateur, sits in the "seats of the mighty."

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If political lines in the Buckeye state continue to tighten, the time may come soon when a presidential candidate will be obliged to decide who of the colored contingent he will allow himself to be supported by. The Burton boosters, who now claim to have the call, do not want in their front rank, with a leadership bug buzzing around in his bonnet, any individual who has climbed onto the tailgate of the "band-wagon," after other wagons broke down. A candidate is often judged by the kind of men he is likely to put forward in the event he becomes the standard-bearer of his party. He must not permit himself to be boosted too strongly by the type that is "in bad" in his bailwick. Ohio politics "is tuff."

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Prof. Charles H. Moore, supervisor of Negro schools in the state of North Carolina, is revolutionizing conditions in the rural localities. New school houses are being built for colored children, old ones are being modernized and enlarged, and longer terms are being arranged for, with better equipped and better paid teachers. The state board of education is backing up the program of Professor Moore, and he is being encouraged to bring the colored schools up to the highest possible standard of efficiency. The Colored Teachers' Association, headed by Dr. A. M. Moore, of Durham, is also in harmony with the developing process under way for the colored schools. The North Carolina friends of education, white and colored, are finding Prof. Moore to be the right man in the right place.

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There isn't the slightest reason why a married woman should not teach school, if her fitness and taste so incline her. A woman who has spent years in training herself to get the best results out of children in the school room, should not be compelled to surrender her work merely because she plays the natural instinct of sex and unites her career with the man of her choice. Nor should a board of education tie its hand so that it denies itself the opportunity to secure the best talent in the educational market by restricting its area of selection to unmarried women, regardless of their equipment. Let women, married or single, teach if they wish to, and let fitness be the one basis of selection. Each case can be decided upon its individual merits as it arises, without any hard and fast rule either way.

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An official call has been made for the regular annual convention of the National Negro Press Association, which is to be held February 10, 11 and 12, at Nashville, Tenn. The executive committee will meet on the morning of the 10th at 8 o'clock and the association will assemble at 10 in one of Nashville's leading churches. The call is signed by Melvin J. Chisum, president; Joseph L. Jones, chairman of the executive committee, and Henry A. Boyd, corresponding secretary. **It is stated that much important business will come before the association and every member is expected to be present. Among the benefits that have been effected for member journals in recent months is the standardization of advertising, and the organization has other helpful measures in process of incubation.**

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The Oklahoma Association of Negro Teachers is one of the strongest organizations of its kind in the country and is exercising a powerful influence in developing the schools of the colored people, both in the cities and in the rural districts. The association is officered as follows: T. R. Denham, president, Oklahoma City; W. H. Fort, first vice-president, Okmulgee; J. H. Porter, second vice-president, Boss; J. F. Ellison, third vice-president, El Reno; H. P. B. Johnson, recording secretary, Haskell; Mrs. E. L. Person, assistant secretary, Boley; Mrs. Julia A. Jackson, corresponding secretary, Tulsa; Mrs. L. Lena Sawner, treasurer, Chandler; and W. M. A. Hill, auditor, Rentiesville. The State Association is allied with the National Association of Colored Teachers, which is an outgrowth of the extension work of the Tuskegee Institute.

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The National Baptist Publishing House has just issued from its mammoth presses a song book that bids fair to become a household treasure in every family in the land. The production, is known as "The National Jubilee Melodies." Its 160 pages embrace some of the oldest of the jubilee songs that have had such a vogue among the lovers of the native American music—the songs our fathers and mothers sang in the long ago, the kind that the best judges of melody are singing now. Among the choice selections are the familiar "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Steal Away to Jesus," "Before I'd Be a Slave," "The Old Camp Meeting," and "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray." The songs were collected and arranged for Dr. R. H. Boyd, of the publishing house, by Prof. K. D. Reddick and Prof. P. V. S. Lindsley, well-known music writers and authorities on melody. Nashville, long the natural home of the jubilee song by reason of the identification of the Fisk singers with this class of music, will once more take its place at the head of the folk-song world through the presentation of this wonderful little book.

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The bazar given under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. Thomas' Episcopal church last week was a decided success.

Miss Lena May Parkman, who has been attending the State Normal at Nashville, arrived home Friday night. She has accepted the position as teacher in the primary department at the South school.

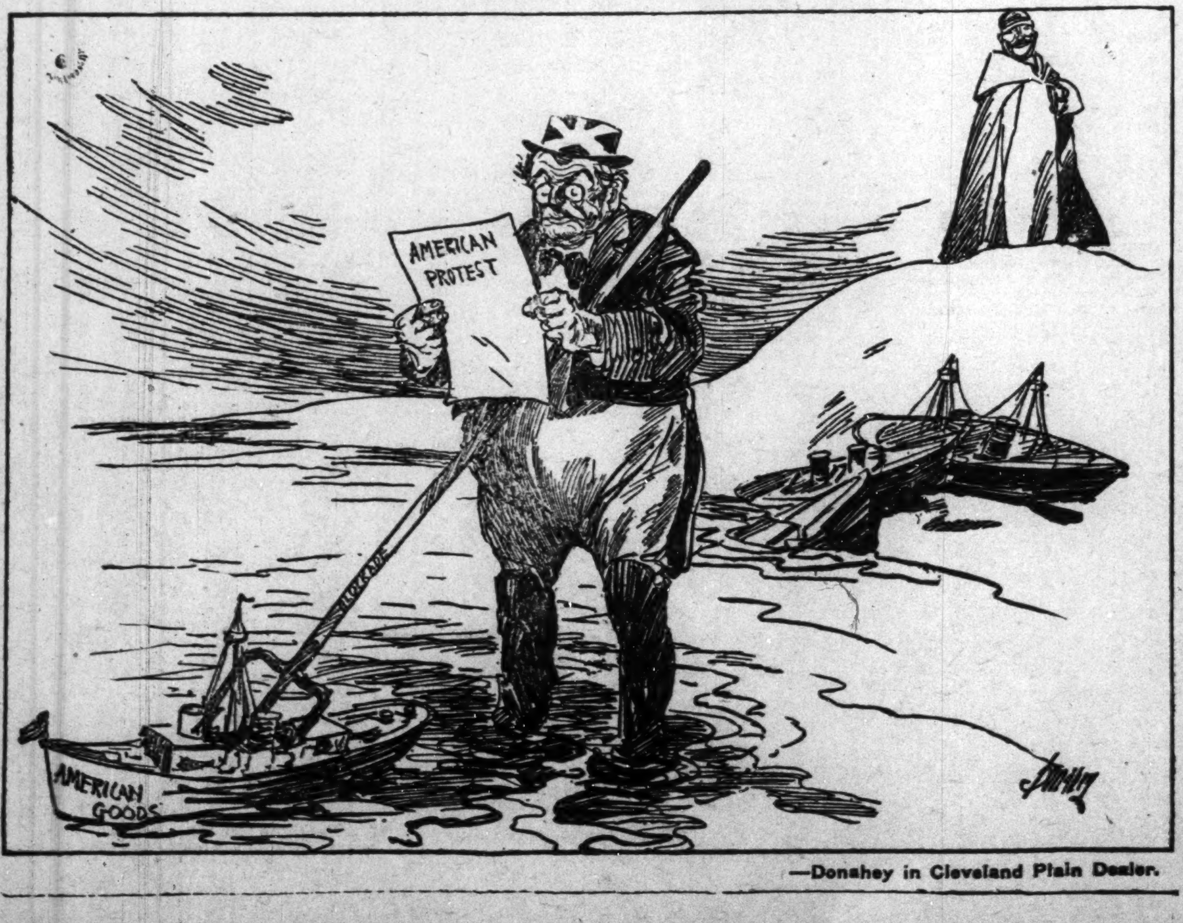
Prof. Ben Thurston, of Miles Memorial College, came up with the Miles boys to meet the Lane boys in a game of football. The Lane boys scored 6, Miles boys 0.

Mrs. J. F. Lane is on the sick list.

See A. R. Merry, Jr., for the Freeman.

Read The Freeman and be sure to get the Exposition number during the holidays.

TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY.



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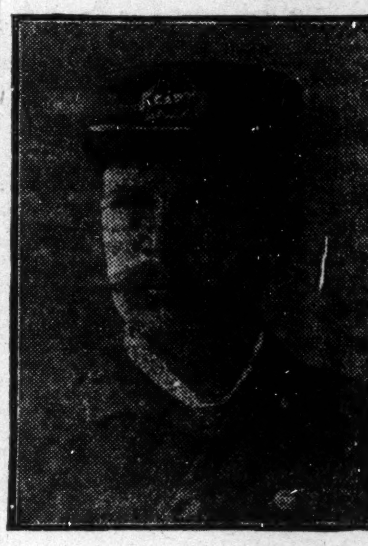

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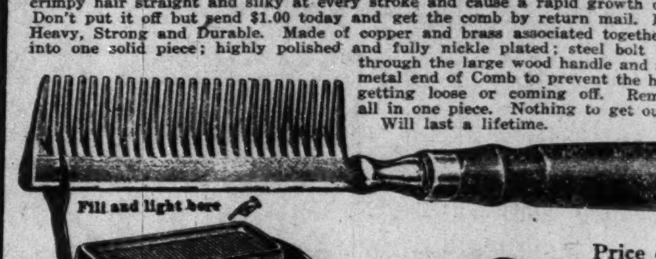

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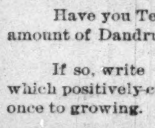

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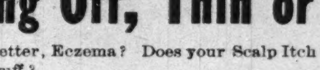

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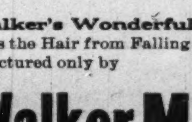

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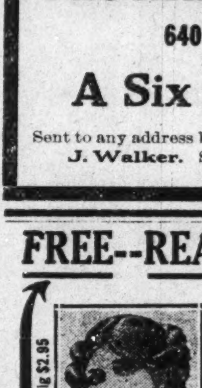

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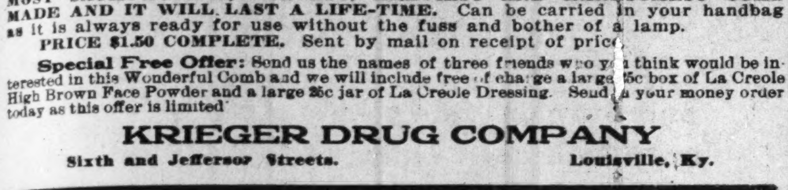
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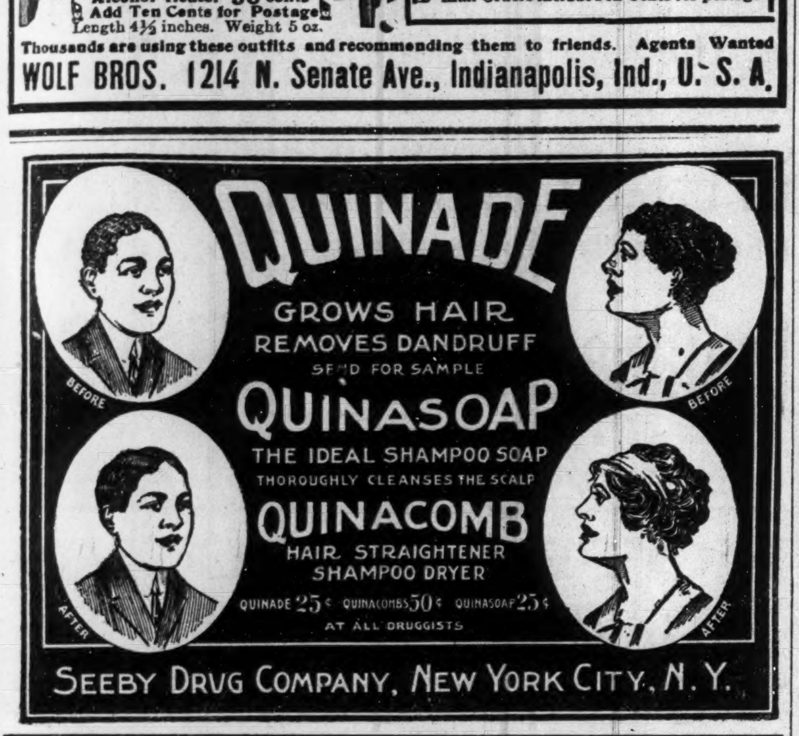

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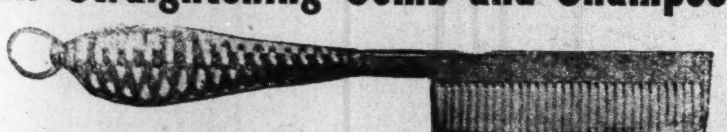
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DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

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By Col. J. G. Griffin and His Boys.

The injunction flashed from the sixty-seventh district court at Fort Worth, Texas, informing all Pythians and brave men to be on their way with that $2.50 special assessment, and the court informs the grand lodge officers to be on their way or look forward towards other actions to keep on doing business in the Lone Star state. The insurgents are looking to the future. Every local K. of P. lodge has been busily engaged in the past week in holding their respective elections and are sending their best men to the grand lodge, which meets here in Dallas, Texas, next June, where a hot time is looked for and no one will be disappointed. The wise acres of Pythianism have seen the hand writing on the wall and speculation is ripe to do strictly business for to further things all along the line to satisfy the policy holders and the attorney general's orders to increase the Pythian reserve fund have created more interest in the plain common men and women of the order than anything that has ever happened. They are now doing some talking, waiting, watching and paying up, however. It is not without its dropping out of the local lodges here and there of good men and women that these hard times have hit harder than others.

Have made up their minds to seek other lodges, insurance and benefit companies on account of these high rates of the lodges and increased assessments, etc. Compare today with years gone by and figure them up and note the difference, dear readers, and their full meaning will appeal to your further consideration.

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DISSOLVES PYTHIAN INJUNCTION

Judge Terrell Sustains Action of Negro Grand Lodge in Increasing Assessments.

Special to The Freeman.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 1.—Judge Ben M. Terrell tonight, at the end of a night session of the Sixty-Seventh District Court, dissolved a temporary injunction obtained about sixty days ago by the Negro Knights of Pythias Lodges of this city against the Negro Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Austin and sustained the action of the grand lodge in increasing the assessments of insurance policyholders.

A permanent injunction was sought by the local lodges to restrain grand lodge officers from making a special assessment of $2.50 on each insurance policyholder to increase the revenue fund so as to comply with the terms of the Mobile bill.

The decision tonight is in effect a decree setting forth that the fraternal insurance department of the grand lodge, Negro Knights of Pythias of the state, comes within the scope of the Mobile bill in accordance with a ruling made by the Attorney General of Texas when he instructed the grand lodge to increase its insurance reserve fund.

A large number of Dallasites were in the court room when the judge rendered his decision last week.

Mr. J. A. Patton, Dr. J. C. Wade, Bob Weems, C. Williams, T. Turner, Booker and others enjoyed the stunt last Sunday at 2917 Commerce street.

Mr. P. Frazer, E. Coston, Nathan Stephenson, Mrs. Lon Hannah and daughter are up after several days of illness to the delight of their many friends.

Mr. Ed Adams, alias Forepaugh, made a flying trip to his former home in Corsicanna, and returned to his duties.

Mr. B. M. Hollins, the gripman of Corsicanna, is a constant visitor here in company with other joy spreaders from Navarro county.

Mrs. Lucinda Hamilton is improving her home on Juliett street.

Mr. Dane Campbell was called to Big Sandy to the bedside of his dear mother the past week.

Rev. F. D. Holloway, of Carrolton and Kauffman, is now at his ministerial work in Kauffman county and reports a brighter outlook in his work.

Mesdames Brotherington and Johnson, of Lewisville, were here a few days the honored guests of Mesdames J. H. Anderson and Kattie Wiggins, 1725 McCoy street.

Mr. B. J. Cook is laid up with an injury.

After a short illness Mr. Jeff Clay, better known as Slim, passed away at his home on Good street, last Thursday. He was a successful cafe owner on the Central stroll for several years. A wife and other relatives and friends mourn his demise. Brain miningitis caused his death.

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Mrs. James Toland made a flying trip to Waco and return. She reports having had a most enjoyable time.

Last Friday night at the Municipal Auditorium:

Mme. N. Vaultz Wyman directed a musicale for the Congregational church, which was very well attended. The various vocal and instrumental numbers were loudly applauded. The following local talent of the city appeared: Misses C. Worthington, F. B. Weems, Rachel Cowan, A. Holmes, E. Paul, F. Pierce, Mesdames. Wymann, P. Nelson, A. E. Western, C. G. Wilson, F. Prather and Messrs Jones, Crutchfield, Wilson, Johnson.

Our people as a people should give more encouragement to the talent we have in our city. Let charity begin at home. A neat sum was realized to further the church work.

Hundreds of little children over the city have asked us to kindly tell old Mr. Santa Claus to not forget them this Christmas. When he comes to Dallas on his visit they all say they have been good girls and boys and want some cakes, nuts, candies, apples, oranges, fudge, crackerjacks, hobby horses, tricycles donkeys, drums, autos, busses, and everything in the deck that goes to make up cheer and happiness for little ones everywhere. The Freeman feels glad to write this favor for the little ones of Greater Dallas to Mr. Santa Claus and hopes that they all receive an answer to their most urgent wishes and may they all be blessed and their parents, too, for once let us all be with the little ones and be cheerful.

JACKSON, TENN., NOTES.

Mrs. A. C. Cain had the misfortune to cut her arm very painfully, but not seriously, with a glass jar last Monday.

The annual bazaar of St. Thomas church is being held at the parish house this week.

A large number of the Jackson teachers are expecting to attend the West Tennessee Teachers' Congress, which will convene in Memphis.

The home of Mrs. Sullie Fisher was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Every article of furniture was burned except the piano.

Mr. K. R. Jackson entertained the public with an illustrated lecture of Pilgrim's Progress at Liberty C. M. E. church, Monday night.

Dr. Ed Barnett had the misfortune to get his car struck by the street car, demolishing a part of the rear. Dr. Barnett was not hurt.

See A. R. Merry, Jr., for The Freeman.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

By W. T. Gillespie.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Hattie McCasprel, of Scooba, Miss., who has been in the city for three weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Gillespie, leaves today for her home. We regret to see her leave.

Mrs. R. A. Croom is on the sick list.

Mrs. T. J. Wilson has been very sick, but is able to be out again.

Mr. Tom Giles arrived in the city yesterday from Birmingham, Ala., enroute to Scooba, Miss., where he will be the guest of his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. H. Giles.

There was a grand rally at Union Baptist church. After hearing the reports of the twelve trustees, the total collection was $163.30.

Miss Bertha Birch, of Sucarnoochee, Miss., was in the city last Saturday visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. P. Birch.

Don't forget the place; The Freeman is on sale at the Howard drug store, Fifth street, 25, or call on the agent, W. T. Gillespie, 620 33rd ave.

EAGLE MILLS, ARK.

Mr. Hurley Powell left Saturday night for Thornton, Ark., to spend Sunday with Miss Pinkie Jones, his correspondent.

Miss Savannah Townsend, who has been very sick, has improved some at this writing.

The citizens of Eagle Mills compliment Eugene McNelly for handling The Freeman.

Miss Arabella Williams is expected to be a regular subscriber to The Freeman.

Thanksgiving of 1915 in Eagle Mills was more heartfelt than ever before seemingly.

Prof. E. Scott gave a Thanksgiving dinner on the school campus for the Eagle high school.

Mr. E. L. Freeman had a baked fish for his Thanksgiving dinner which made him slightly ill.

Before January 30, 1916, there probably will 50 or 60 subscribers to The Freeman here.

Mr. Eugene McNeely was the guest of Miss Annis Rowells Thanksgiving evening.

Mrs. Jennie C. Easson will make a business trip to Camden, Ark., Tuesday.

Miss Annis Rowells is dealing with mail order houses in Chicago.

Miss Maxie Rotten, the Poro treater, is in Eagle Mills on business.

Eugene McNeely will solicit business for The Freeman in Millville.

A lovely dance will be given in the auditorium Saturday. Music by Joe W. Norful and Charles McClahan.

SOLDIER HOME NOTES, MARION, INDIANA.

Saturday inspection is a military formality, and as a rule the members vie with each other to make the best appearance on that day. The general inspector for all the national homes, Major Miller, said on his last visit here that No. 1 barracks was the best in general appearance and cleanliness.

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Calvin Brooks and wife were visitors to the home Sunday. The boys are always glad to see Mrs. Brooks on account of her pleasing ways and good cheer she gives them with every visit.

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For the first time at the home services were held by Bethel A. M. E., Marion, Ind., in the home chapel. Preaching by Rev. R. M. H. Henderson, pastor of Bethel church. This is a new inovation and a very large and appreciative audience greeted the initial services.

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Our Thanksgiving dinner was a huge affair with turkey and all kinds of accessories, including music by the home band. The old vets were treated to a movie in the afternoon and night at the Home Theater.

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Old soldiers, keep your eyes on this column and know where your old comrades are at.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL.

By Hady Stoner.

Mrs. Harvey Owens has returned from Kankakee where she has been visiting with her brother, Mr. Ben Bates.

Mr. McKinley Crawford, of Dewey street, is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bates entertained at dinner Sunday Mrs. Griffin, of Marion, Ill.

Mr. Frank Worthen, of Grant street, is on the sick list.

Rev. H. C. Burten, pastor of the A. M. E. church, was called to Carbondale to attend the funeral of Mr. Caldwell Wilson.

Rev. S. L. Howard, D. D., secretary of the Evangelical bureau of the A. M. E. church, Nashville, Tenn., has closed a successful revival at the A. M. E. church, which has done much good.

Mrs. Eliza Stricklen, better known as Grandma Stricklen, passed away Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. The funeral was held at the Baptist church and interment at Mount Carbon cemetery.

The Freeman is sold at Fifth and Bridge streets, Murphysboro, Ill.

THAT FARCE, "THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

By Dr. M. A. Majors.

Is the great white race of America becoming a degenerate race? Is it possible that a people who boast of a monopoly of the world's civilization, excelling in humanitarianism eloquent an persevation of Bunker Hill, and the national constitution are dumb, and palsied with helplessness when a helpless, despised race pleads against the cruel, wanton slander of a criminal disease of money getting? Does the exhibition of the "Birth of a Nation" for what money can be made match with the hypocritical notions of some kind souls who insist that no one of our worthy poor shall go without a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day? And yet, seeing an entire race held up to scorn, and the most fiendish contempt to gratify a callous hardened human heart over curious, at what may have happened fifty years ago! The reel pictures of the "Birth of a Nation" have nothing to do with the present generation of Negroes who are so well behaved as any class of our American citizens. Why may not the curtain of cupidity and cunning deviltry be lifted from the black pages of our American history that the evil-minded may just as zealously portray the blood curdling tranactions of the Salem witchcraft? Why may not the ugly horrors of a few thousand inhuman orgies wherein every form of debauchery and marauding outlawry perpetrated to the last disgusting limitation, expected only in brute creation be brought back to the horrifying memory of the present civilization?

It is generally conceded that no one can possibly be benefited by viewing such disgusting sights, and that the only value that can be placed upon them is of a commercial nature. Has justice fled to brutish beasts, and men lost their reason?

What is the cause of harlotry? What is the cause of drunkenness and general world-wide waywardness? Can these be charged up to the poor Negro? Is he the general disturber and manufacturer of all the deviltry and general cussedness extant? Are there only black pictures in the rogues gallery? Are there only Negroes in the jails and penitentiaries? Are there only black pickpockets, thugs and cut throats? Are Negroes the cause of court trials only?

Then would it not be human if the chain gang is made up of all the races, that the preachments of a gospel of Sinai apply indiscriminately to all?

Can the one who has the moat in his eye point to another who has the beam in his?

I do not press any great claim for the Negro. He is surrounded with a very peculiar environment and has become to a very great extent a creature of conditions and circumstances. He has projected independently along every line of social, religious and moral development his own organizations that make a people respected and proud. No other race has had to grow amid the hindrance and prejudice forbidding him, and compelling him at the same time to be and not be, to do and not do, to have, and not have, to know and not know, and yet in spite of this ever present rank human injustice we average up fairly well with the rest of the world's humanity.

Would it not be more in keeping with the noblest American spirit to blot out such a travesty and infamous slander of a race of helpless people, as this prison conveying nostrum, viz: "The Birth of a Nation?"

Oh! who would be benefitted? The Negro is not the only race benefitted. Dr. Booker T. Washington used to say, "He who would keep me down in the ditch must stay down in the ditch with me." And we may rely on a biblical truth that the Golden Rule is a veritable commandment.

The immediate concern of the Negro may some day become the general concern of all. The laxity in the enforcement of a single law has a destructive influence against all law. The careless and ruthless oversight of injustice dealt out to the despised Negro, may bring ruin in government upon all other races. Just as a carol builds an island, a moth may destroy the finest fabric, just so may a whirlwind engulf a nation that persists in sowing to the winds.

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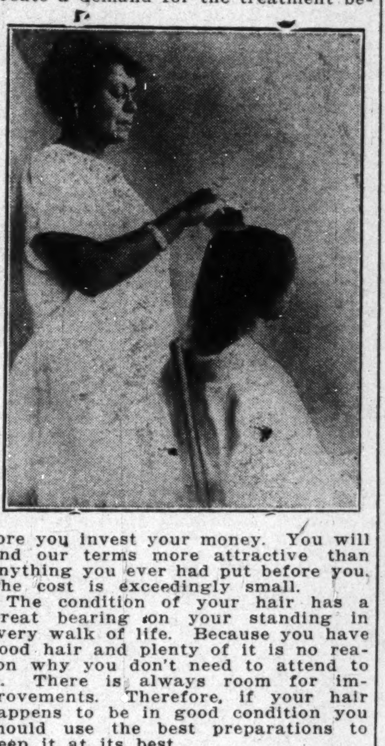

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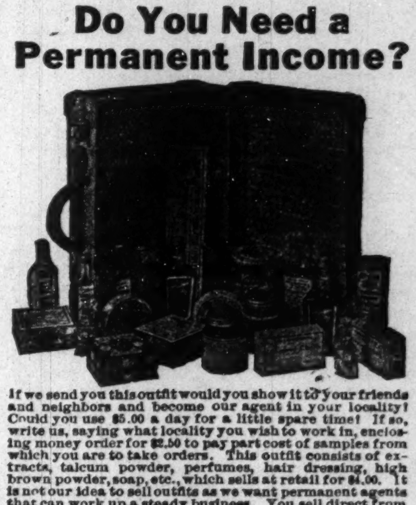
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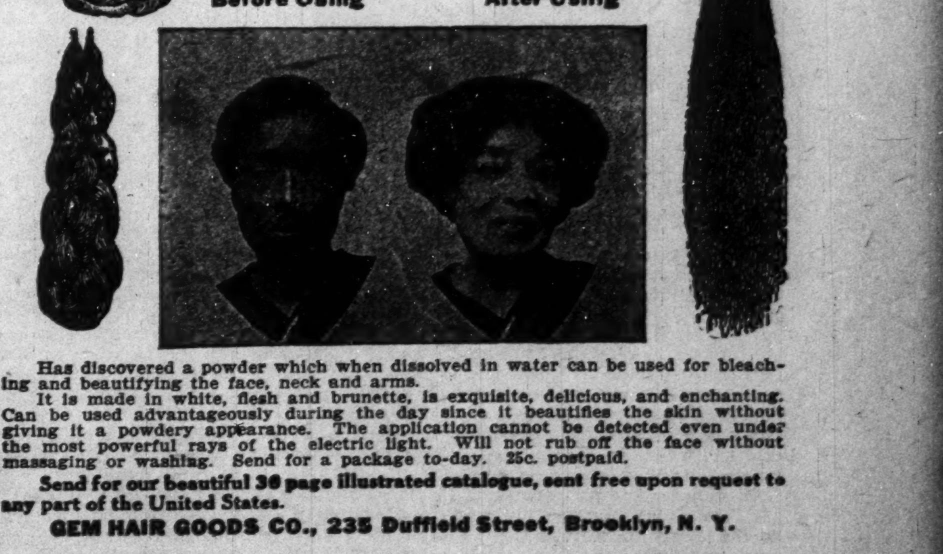
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We will think that Mr. John Wanamaker was honest at heart and pure in his motive when he made his offer to the Negroes of Philadelphia. It will be remembered that our race had enjoyed his hospitality by way of the beautiful auditorium, and which event will be long remembered. From what we understand that distinguished gentleman is philanthropical and kindly, showing this spirit to our people as he does to his own race. We are sorry of the incident, but, of course, see it pretty much as the Negroes of Philadelphia saw it, that the church was the better place to hold a memorial service.

The Birth of the Nation is with us next week at one of the leading playhouses. There is some little protest by way of street talk so far. We know nothing of the play further than what we have seen in the papers from time to time. This information naturally put us against the pictures; it created prejudice, and which, we think, is justified. However, we are not certain about them. Consequently we will see the pictures, if possible, for the purpose of giving them our unbiased review. We will try to discover if there is an undermining motive running through the production. The review will be given in the Exposition Number of this publication.

THE PRESIDENT'E MESSAGE.

President Wilson's message was well in keeping with what thoughtful men thought it would be. The policies of the government, due to the present European struggle, was what might be called the motiff, and which ran all through the themes. And this is nearly literally true, the message being fairly special, dealing with the various developments of the war, and phases of preparedness in view of an emergency.

Anyone who has the least conception of fine and forceful English will concede that the message was fine and masterly, and almost to a fault. It plainly reflected the man, the man who has been tossed to and fro on the billows of human passion like a ship in a turbulent sea.

Those who selected Mr. Wilson for a president as a man of parts did not miss their guess. This has nothing to do with his statesmanship, for while he has done nothing that did not look presidential he has been no more or less than a child of fate anent the various crises of the last few years. That he has held the rudder with a firm and determined grip must be set down to his credit. That he has tried to avert the repetition of the old world's carnage on a new scene must also be set down to his credit; but through it all he was practically carried along by the currents, the tide or the winds. He has had no change to display statesmanship that might be called brilliant unless that which stubbornly stands for conservation and peace is set down as that.

His scholarship is undoubted today, if it ever were before. His fine lines were rich and redolent with varied expressions, at times terse and crisp, ringing like a tone from Sinai, at times of fine poetical frenzy with that "Ah me; woe is me" coloring, giving a picture of a modern Job. Then again he comes into his own as a Richard III, when he would crush out the incipient rebellion as he would crush a snake, placing his country freed of domestic strife in the honor place on the roll of the nations.

President Wilson is right when he says that, "I am sorry to say that the gravest threats against our national peace and safety have been uttered within our own borders." It is true and a pity 'tis true. But we may as well admit that the matter was not altogether one sided. Our country is pro-ally, but less so than formally. Many of us while hoping for the best for Belgium, Poland, Serbia and those lost portions of France cannot get away from the fact that we have been partisans. We hoped with the enemies of Germany, and when the trial came to our own shore we still hoped with her enemies, and showed not very much disposition to be fair. This in part has had something to do with the activity of German sympathizers on this side. The manifest unfairness was so evident that square minded men with all of their pro-ally inclinations swung the other way, not particularly for Germany, but for a square deal.

These facts, of course, do not change the situation, nor does it relieve those of offensiveness who have plotted at the destruction of our government. We, the Negroes, know the weight of the heavy hand of bias. And because we know it we should not stand aside, mute as oysters, as a matter of policy. Our policy is to be eminently fair since it gets us nothing by being biased. Nor do we advocate reprisal, or revenge; but justice, that thing so dear to the human heart and humane consideration.

We are saying that the president is right when he speaks so feelingly to the situation which is so fraught with danger for the republic. He is justified in exhausting his resources in the effort to restore the situation as it was before the war. His speech, if vehement, is no more the sign of displeasure at the disturbing happenings than the great majority feels, if not all of us. Thoughtful citizens are sorry as he is that he found it necessary to take even a few of the citizens so seriously to task.

The part of a speech which came nearly being sensational was as follows:

I am sorry to say that the gravest threats against our national peace and safety have been uttered within our own borders. There are citizens of the United States, I blush to admit, born under other flags but welcomed under our generous naturalization laws to the full freedom and opportunity of America, who have poured the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life; who have sought to bring the authority and good name of our government into contempt, to destroy our industries wherever they thought it effective for their vindictive purposes to strike at them, and to debase our politics to the uses of foreign intrigue. Their number is not great as compared with the whole number of those sturdy hosts by which our nation has been enriched in recent generations out of virile stocks; but it is great enough to have brought deep disgrace upon us and to have made it necessary that we should promptly make use of processes of law by which we may be purged of their corrupt distempers. America never witnessed anything like this before.

I never dreamed it possible that men sworn into its citizenship, men drawn out of great free stocks such as supplied some of the best and strongest elements of that little, but how heroic, nation that in a high day of old staked its very life to free itself from every entanglement that had darkened the fortunes of the older nations and set up a new standard here—that men of such origins and such free choices of allegiance would ever turn in malign reaction against the government and people who had welcomed and nurtured them and seek to make this proud country once more a hotbed of European passion. A little while ago such a thing would have seemed incredible. Because it was incredible we made no preparation for it. We would have been almost ashamed to prepare for it, as if we were suspicious of ourselves, our own comrades and neighbors!

But the ugly and incredible thing has actually come about and we are without adequate federal laws to deal with it. I urge you to enact such laws at the earliest possible moment and feel that in doing so I am urging you to do nothing less than save the honor and self-respect of the nation. Such creatures of passion, disloyalty, and anarchy must be crushed out. They are not many, but they are infinitely malignant, and the hand of our power should close over them at once. They have formed plots to destroy property, they have entered into conspiracies against the neutrality of the government, they have sought to pry into every confidential transaction of the government in order to serve interests alien to our own. It is possible to deal with these things very effectually. I need not suggest the terms in which they may be dealt with.

I wish that it could be said that only a few men, misled by mistaken sentiments of allegiance to the governments under which they were born, had been guilty of disturbing the self-possession and misrepresenting the temper and principles of the country during these days of terrible war, when it would seem that every man who was truly an American would instinctively make it his duty and his pride to keep the scales of judgment even and prove himself a partisan of no nation but his own. But it can not. There are some men among us, and many resident abroad who, though born and bred in the United States and calling themselves Americans, have so forgotten themselves and their honor as citizens as to put their passionate sympathy with one or the other side in the great European conflict above their regard for the peace and dignity of the United States. They also preach and practice disloyalty. No laws, I suppose, can reach corruptions of the mind and heart; but I should not speak of others without also speaking of these and expressing the even deeper humiliation and scorn which every selfpossessed and thoughtfully patriotic American must feel when he thinks of them and of the discredit they are daily bringing upon us.

THE EXPOSITION NUMBER.

The Exposition Number of The Freeman will stand for the highest expression of Negro achievement up until this present day. It will be, in a manner, a registry of our progress within the fifty years. Books and publications are no less than monuments in the memory of things that were.

The Freeman was not called on to play historian to the race, but clearly ot was up to some of us to conform to the customs of civilization. We must do this or, perforce, quit its ways. We are about to submit to the public the survey of our fields from where we have culled those products which stand as representative of our race.

We could have gotten together a greater representation, but not a better one; it could have been greater in quantity, but not in quality. We will present practically the leading individuals of every considerable concern conducted by us. We will present the leaders in all of the professions.

Our products have not kept pace with our ambition, pride and general understanding. Consequently our race has been chary about what it had to exhibit. As it concerns the many things exhibited by white people at their expositions they are no less the products of Negroes. They are employed about shops and factories, contributing in a way to the successful exhibition. These, however, do not appear in our own right, and because of the peculiar citizenship we get no credit.

The fifty years of freedom celebration events for this year were looked forward to with great expectation by many. Others were careless and callous, not being touched by the great call of the forward march. The expositions were in the right direction, regardless of how much good they did. The effort counts very often as much as results.

We do not willingly set ourselves aside in order to create such an opportunity; we find ourselves set aside, and in the language of our late lamented Dr. Washington, we are letting down the buckets where we are. We do not contend for the attitude, since it is hindering in the sense of all-Americanism.

The condition is without our seeking. Those among us who fight hardest against racial lines must admit that they are hemmed in here, there and everywhere. If we are true in giving expression to our convictions, we will confess that the present Negro status is through the efforts of Negroes, and that the future will not be different. We do not mean to be careless of that ceaseless vigil kept by white people, many of whom stood behind our movements, and are yet standing taking notes of those who faint in the struggle, reinforcing their effort and succoring all along the line.

See this great paper, the epic of the fifty years of Negro freedom.

ORLANDO NEWS ITEMS.

Memorial Service at Mt. Olive A. M. E. Church to the Great Leader—Social and Personal Mention—Some Marriages.

By Marcellus Henderson.

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 9, 1915—Orlando, Fla., is as patriotic when it comes to duty as any city or town or hamlet in all the world. The Moses of his race, for thirty years or more, had gone to the great beyond for a week or more; but the citizens of Orlando, through the leadership of Rev. Dr. D. A. Perrin, of the A. M. E. church, and Mr. J. A. Colyer, president of the former Negro Business League, prepared a program which was rendered at 3 o'clock last Sunday at the A. M. E. church in commemoration of the greatest man of the age, Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Singing and prayer and the introduction of the master of ceremonies by the pastor, Dr. D. A. Perrin, of Hon. J. A. Colyer. Mr. Colyer made a few appropriate remarks and then introduced the next number, a quartet by Mr. V. B. Colyer, Chas. Jones, Mrs. E. J. Colyer and Miss Cromartie. Mr. P. W. Spears, the next on the program, read his speech, which proved to be the most eloquent eulogy ever listened to in Mt. Olive church. We wish for the time and space to let the readers of The Freeman know more about the speech of this young man. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crooms sung an appropriate and highly appreciated duet. Mr. L. S. Hankins rendered a beautiful original poem on the works of the deceased. Prof. L. C. Jones, principal of Johnson academy, surprised and mystified the great gathering with his eloquence on the life of the man who had done more to help the black man in this country than any other of his day. Dr. J. H. Thompson, the sweet tenor songster, won applause and some tears when he sung "Beyond the Gates of Paradise." The doctor can be classed among the best soloists in this state, if not in the country.

Mr. E. I. Chrisholm, of the Hungerford Industrial school, delivered a lengthy address of Dr. Washington. Mrs. E. J. Colyer sung a beautiful solo, and was heartily applauded. G. C. Henderson, J. W. Jones and W. E. Jordan made short addresses. Mr. W. J. Macky made the closing remarks. Mr. Colyer proved an able master of ceremonies and everything was carried out like clock work.

Dr. F. R. Hunt, of Ocala, spent last Sunday in the city and attended the Booker T. Washington memorial service at the A. M. E. church.

The people in the 500 block on West Pine street, were greatly surprised last Thursday, Thanksgiving morning, when they heard the news of the quiet wedding of Mr. Leonard Williams to Miss Stella V. Kelley, the night before. The two young people had loved each other for a year or more and were often seen together, but few expected a marriage at the time it happened. Mr. Williams is a young man struggling to build up a profitable business on Church street. The bride, Miss Kelley, now Mrs. Williams, is a polished young lady, a faithful Christian and a most worthy young woman. She is the daughter of Mrs Wilson, who is herself an accomplished lady, and has a sister married, living in Washington, D. C. The Freeman correspondent wishes for the two a happy life.

Dr. T. R. Hunt, an old friend of the writer, is in the city and has been for several days. Dr. Hunt is an experienced physician and at the present he is manager of the colored hospital at Ocala. Dr. Hunt is looking for those who are in need of first class treatment and want a nice place to stay. And while he is out and is meeting people that demand his attention, he aids them at their homes. The hospital that Dr. Hunt is manager of keeps the best surgeons and physicians in the state.

Prof. Eph Williams, owner of the Silas Green show, was in the city last Sunday and attended the memorial service at Mt. Olive church of Dr. Booker T. Washington. Prof. Williams attended the funeral of Dr. Washington, coming from there to his Florida estate at Winter Park.

A painful accident was met with by Mr. Walter Robinson, a young man, whose marriage to an Augusta, Ga., young woman a few weeks took place. Mr. Robinson went out with a crowd of orange pickers to see them pick oranges and fell from a wagon on which were a lot of boxes and ladders. One of the ladders fell across his thigh and the bone was broken. Under the treatment of Dr. Callahan, Mr. Robinson is in the hospital doing as well as could be expected.

MRS. S. L. BEATTY OPENS UP A FIRST-CLASS CAFE—NEWS IN GENERAL.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Special—Mr. S. L. Beatty, a well known and highly respected citizen of this city, has opened up a first-class cafe and confectionery known as the "Palace of Sweets" at 71 East Main street. Ice cream soda, all kinds of soft drinks, candies, cigars and short order lunch. Private parties arranged for by request. Mr. Beatty has installed a very nice soda fountain of the latest style. I trust that the colored people will show their colors by patronizing this enterprise, because it has been long needed.

Miss Sadie Green, who was operated on at the Burnham hospital for appendicitis, has been removed to her home.

The men who are lifting the world upward and onward are those who encourage, more than criticize.

Misses Eulalia Osby and Halena White, of Springfield, visited Miss Ora Thornhill at her residence, 601 S. Wright street Thanksgiving.

Miss Mildred and Prudence Sheen and Ivandale Rogan of Decatur, visited Miss Alice Moore at 1310 Beslin street, Urbana.

Mr. Sam Fielding, of Chicago, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Brewer and family at their residence, 1202 W. Main street, Urbana, recently.

Mr. Aaron A. Guyler died at 9:50 p. m. Sunday after an illness from tuberculosis at his brother's home, 605 East Eureka street. Mr. Guyler had been at the W. L. Davis barber shop, 61 East Main street until his health became such as to prevent his working. The deceased was born in Carlyle, Ill., on Sept. 10, 1890, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Guyler. He learned the barber business in Oskaloosa, Ia., in 1907. A year later he went to Centralia, and came to this city in 1909. He married Miss Sadie A. Ferguson in this city on January 22, 1913. Besides the widow and the deceased's father who resides at 515 East Eureka street, the following survive: J. S. Guyler of 605 East Eureka street, H. B. Guyler of 721 North Poplar street and M. M. Guyler of 412 East Eureka street. The deceased was a member of the local lodge Knights of Pythias. Funeral services were held at the C. M. E. church at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon with Rev. W. T. Whitsitt in charge. The remains were taken to Carlyle on Wednesday morning for interment.

Salem Baptist Church—Rev. S. W. Batchelor preached at 11 a. m. on "The Lord Hath Done Great Things for Us, Whereof We are Glad." Revs. D. C. Jones and H. C. Haggart assisted the pastor in administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 3 p. m. Rev. Haggart of Chicago, preached at 8 p. m., on "The Reward of the Faithful."

Mrs. William Snell spent a few days in Bloomington on business.

The Square Club gave its second annual dance on the night of Sept. 23, at the Elks' auditorium. About fifty couples were present. A buffet luncheon was served at 11 o'clock. Out-of-town guests were present from Decatur, Springfield, Danville and Farmers' City. Every one enjoyed themselves in the superlative degree.

Don't forget that the Christmas issue of The Freeman will be five cents as usual.

See Z. L. Breedlove for your next sick and accident policy.

The Crittenden, a white publication at Marion, Ky., had the following to say: Prince Pickens, a colored man, 85 years old, who lived in this county many years and who left here for Sunny Side, Washington state, was here, the guest of his son-in-law, Lawrence Shelly and family, this week. Since leaving here he lost his wife by death in the far northwest and afterwards moved to Champaign, Ill., is reside with his son, Sherman, where he now makes his home. Prince, while here, called on old friends who had accommodated him in the past and paid many small debts, which his creditors had forgotten. One was to W. B. Yandell and amounted to over $50.00, one to H. H. Hayes, administrator for Emeline Turk, one to R. F. Hayne and to J. W. Goodlo; one to S. M. Jenkins. He has proven himself a man of honor above the average colored or white. We wish there were more like him.

Try the Freeman once and it will always invite your attention. The editorial department, sporting news and interesting educational and elevating reading matter will interest you. Mr. Z. L. Breedlove will serve you. Just let him know.

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO, NEWS.

By Robert King.

The Baptist Missionary convention will be held at the Second Baptist church on the 11th and 12th and delegates are expected to attend from the following towns: Cincinnati, Hamilton, Lebanon, Franklin and Oxford. All the members of the Missionary are expecting a large attendance.

GROESBECK, TEXAS.

Sunday was another beautiful day. Rev. Biggams, pastor of the A. M. E. church preached to his people Sunday and Sunday night. He preached his farewell sermon and now he is preparing to go to the annual conference. Also Rev. Pamm, from Mexico, Texas, was here Sunday. He preached two remarkable sermons at the Primity Baptist church. Collection $22.40.

Rev. Clemmons was here Sunday visiting his old friends.

Miss Mammie Fisher was made collector for the Edgerkashion College at Corsicanna which they are preparing to build. Collection $2.40.

The reporter made a mistake in his last week's write-up. It was Miss Robirdia Blacker that subscribed for the Freeman instead of Miss Commil Blacker.

Prof. James Garreatte and wife say, don't forget to leave them a copy of the Freeman every Sunday morning.

Mr. Doffus Williams and wife were out driving Sunday evening.

J. M. Busby's Colored Minstrel show will be here Monday, Dec. 13th.

Little Willie May Brown is interested in the Freeman. Willie May says that she wants her mother to keep on taking the Freeman.

Mrs. Emma Burnett has bought another house and lot and has gone to housekeeping again.

Mr. Nathan Tucker is looking for himself another wife. He is sound and able-bodied man, weighing 225, age 45 years. He has a good house already furnished. Write him at Groesbeck, Texas.

When you want to get a good suit of clothes or a pair of pants, or overcoat call on James A. Jones. He carries the cheapest clothes in town.

Now don't forget what the reporter said the other week in the paper. Do not ask him to credit you because a five-cent piece of a small sum and if the reporter should credit you do not wait until he asks you for his pay and when you have any write-ups, see the reporter. He will report them every week. My readers are increasing every week.

If I do not collect the editor's money and send it to him he will stop my papers. If you do not pay me I can not get your paper so please pay as you go.

HUMBOLDT, TENN.

Notes by Eddie McCleary.

The Humboldt city school is in a flourishing condition. Very soon a very interesting Christmas program will be rendered by the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Prof. J. W. Johnson, ex-president of Rodger Williams, visited the school Monday and gave the pupils of the high school department sound advice along the lines of character building.

Miss E. S. Watson spent the weekend in Dye, visiting her mother, who is teaching the Dye school.

See Eddie McCray for the Freeman.

JACKSON, MISS., NEGROES HELD MEMORIAL SERVICES TO B. T. WASHINGTON.

At the Central Methodist Episcopal church in Jackson, Miss., Mississippi's most noted and fashionable Negro church, the Negroes of that city held memorial service in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington.

The audience was almost unprecedented in size and did credit to the great church which is now being pastored by the brilliant, eloquent and talented Rev. E. O. Woodfork.

Perry W. Howard, president of the National Negro Bar Association, and Jackson's leading attorney, presided, and the following program was rendered:

Dr. Washington's Early Life, D. W. Turner, M. D.; Dr. Washington as a Churchman, Pro. E. L. Gordon; Dr. Washington as an Educator, Prof. W. H. Lanier; Dr. Wafishington as a Leader, Mr. D. Cox; Dr. Washington in Domectic Life, Prof. T. A. Dickson; Dr. Washington as an Author, President Z. T. Hubert; Dr. Washington as an Orator, Prof. N. H. McGhee; Dr. Washington as an Organizer, E. W. Moore, M. D.

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notified to report and now he is the first and only chemist Chicago has ever had. It is another evidence that if you have it under the hat and can pass the civil service board, a good job awaits you.

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Miss Katherine Kent To Leave Soon.

Miss Katharine Kent, Birmingham, Ala., who has been in Chicago since the fiftieth anniversary exposition of the race at the Coliseum, and who has been the guest of Mrs. Annette Troutman, 3235 Prairie, and Madame Mayme Clinkscale, the milliner, 3641 South State street, will return to her home the last of the week. She has had a delightful time in the "Windy City" and spent three weeks at New York City. Being lovable in disposition and very stylish, Miss Kent has been royally entertained by the best in Chicago ,especially bq Madame Clinkscale, who became very fond of the Southern beauty. The many friends of Miss Kent were loath to see her leave.

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Miss Elizabeth Clark Entertains.

Miss Elizabeth Clark, 3812 Wabash avenue, entertained last Saturday afternoon for Miss Margaret Morgan, who is to be a bride soon. Miss Corinne Wilson and Miss Garnetta Tibbs, who are to be married soon, were also guests at the dinner. Covers were laid for Miss Essie Arnold, Miss Emma Shaw, Miss Vivian Harsh and Mrs. Lucy Jackson. The dinner was served in courses. Green and white were the color scheme. Cupids were given as favorites.

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Grace Sunday Club.

Miss Bertha Mosely, a graduate of the Englewood high school and the Chicago University, now a practice teacher in the public schools of this city, has started a Sunday Club at the Grace Presbyterian church. The program for this coming Sunday is as follows: Grace Sunday school orchestra, T. Theo. Taylor, piano solo; Mr. Maynard Jackson, vocal solo; address, Mr. A. L. Jackson; Mr. Haywood, violin solo; Miss Maude J. Roberts, vocal solo; selection, Grace orchestra. The public is invited to hear this program.

Theo. Pankey En Route North.

Mr. Theodore Panky, the "matinee idol," late of the Williams and Walker Company, is now in vaudeville and is off this week for an extended trip East. He will be given a warm reception by his many friends where played with the big Williams and Walker company.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Buckeye Lodge of Elks No. 73 will meet in regular session Thursday, Dec. 16, and will install officers. — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson announce the engagement of their daughter, Violet Blanche to Robert Burns Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey. Wedding in the near future. — Mrs. Hannah Boggess, of Edward street, entertained the Research club Tuesday evening. — A party of friends gave a miscellaneous shower Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Anna Hudson, in honor of her niece, Miss Melora McGrudder, whose wedding will take place soon. A pleasant evening was spent and a number of useful presents were received. — The ladies of Hillman Street Baptist church have organized an embroidery club. First meeting at the home of Mrs. Rosa Holmes and elected the following officers: Mrs. Ella Thomas, president; Mrs. Rosa Holmes, vice-president; Mrs. Susan Johnson, secretary; Miss Thelma Smith, assistant secretary; Mrs. Anna Hill, Miss Mattie Simpson, Mrs. Ella Thomas as instructors, and at the second meeting in Struthers, at Mrs. Susan Johnson's, which the club took the name of Liberty club after the historic relic which passed through the east part of Ohio Nov. 23. Next meeting will be held at Mrs. John Wormly Hubbard. — Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bobson, of 622 West Arlington avenue, celebrated their thirtieth anniversary of their marriage at their home Sunday, Dec. 5, from 3 to 7. There were twenty present, and the following sat down to a long table that was filled with all any one's heart desired: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Saunders, Archie Thomas, J. H. Moore, John Clark, Mrs. Ruth Woolridge, Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bobson. The affair was an enjoyable one and will long be remembered.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

The local K. of P.'s banqueted their friends at the Pythian Temple on last Friday evening.

Dr. Olin West, of the State Board of Health, addressed the Y. M. C. A. on last Sunday evening. His subject was "Diseases Prevalent Among Colored People and Precautions or Preventatives."

Complimentary to Mrs. Lillian Allen Darden, of Petersburg, Va., Mrs. H. A. Boyd entertained on last Saturday from 5 to 8. The occasion was a delightful one. Mr. Roland Hayes, of Boston, rendered two selections, accompanied by Mr. Williams, of Philadelphia. Dr. Marshall presented a reading. Miss Hazel Thompson rendered an instrumental solo. Miss Lady Emma Phillips responded with a vocal solo. Mrs. Darden also rendered a vocal selection. Mrs. Marshall Cheatham had two selections from Dunbar.

The Porters' Union, Elder M. Steward, president, gave a delightful social at their hall on Wednesday evening for the purpose of putting coal into the homes of widows. The affair was a big success.

Lawyer R. L. Mayfield was called to Georgia last week for consultation in legal matters.

Prof. J. H. Rucks, manager of the Bismarck baseball team, has taken over The Palms Creamery, Fifth avenue and Cedar street. He will be glad to see his friends.

Messrs. Dennis Donegan and Boyd Henderson have just placed two new cars for the service of their patrons. Prof. Donegan entertained a few of his friends with an auto party on last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Childress McCutcheon, the popular soda dispenser at Marshall, serves his friends with a smile that won't wear off.

Prof. Jack Carter, the young violinist, played several evenings this week at the Palms creamery. He is a young man of exceptionally rare musical ability.

The Eureka Dancing class under Prof. Doc Liner, is the place where the younger set goes. His new dances are town talk.

Miss Agnes Ray, cashier at Marshall, is an ardent admirer of the Freeman.

Miss Willie Ray, cashier at Palm's creamery, spent a few days in "Ole Ky." last week.

Prof. J. H. Kelley, Jr., foreman of the composing room of the National Baptist Publishing Board, entertained a few friends at a smoker on last Saturday evening.

Prof. Louis K. Thomas, secretary and business manager of the National Negro Magazine Company, is the recipient of many congratulations for the November issue of the Brown Book.

The Freeman "while they last" can be had at the Acme Company, 418 Cedar street.

Mr. Sylvester Harrison, better known as "Slim," formerly of the Rex Comedy Company, will return into the circuit about January 1. Sends regards to those in and out of the profession. He is stopping over at 511 Peabody street, Nashville, Tenn.

CREAM CITY NEWS.

By H. Jones.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—(Special)—The congregation of the St. Mark's A. M. E. church listened to one of the most interesting lectures that was ever held there for some moons, by Maj. John R. Lynch, ex-Congressman and retired paymaster U. S. A. Mr. Lynch's subject Friday night was on "The Birth of a Nation," photo-play and its falsely and intended harming of the Negro race. Sunday evening the Major conversed on different subjects and the explaining of segregation being allowed to exist more largely under the present administration, but it has always existed. The Major scored several interesting points before a very large and enthusiastic crowd that filled the church at each lecture.

Mr. Pearl Moppin spent several hours in our city December 1st, visiting his wife, en route to O'Neil, Neb., where he will join the Dandy Dixie Minstrels. Mrs. Pearl Moppin gave a prize party on December 2, at her residence, 424 Cedar street, which was largely attended. The orchestra from the Schlitz Garden was also present. A box of linen handkerchiefs to Mrs. Ludelle Miller.

The demolishing of the old Plankton house block, which started Dec. 1st, has thrown several colored boys out of work but have decided to hire all of the race men who care to do construction work.

VANCOUVER, B. C., NEWS.

Mr. Joe Wilson died recently.

Mr. Ross Hendricks, who was injured in a jitney accident some months ago, is very much improved.

The Negro Christian Alliance held memorial services, honoring the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. The meeting was attended by colored and white people and was well conducted. The principal speakers were Mr. J. B. Wallace, Mr. G. H. Anderson, Mrs. I. M. Smith (known in Indianapolis), and Mr. Chas. Scurry.

BRUNSWICK, GA., NEWS.

By Praylor Keith.

On last Sunday morning at 8 o'clock Mrs. Lillie May Phoenix passed away in death at her residence at 1607 Amherst street. Mrs. Phoenix has been sick for some time. On last week she was taken with a stroke of paralysis and passed away Sunday morning. She leaves behind a dear husband, Mr. William Phoenix, mother and sisters, Mrs. Bell Stoner, Miss Lula Wiggins, Mrs. Gussie Sanders of New York. The body was buried last Monday at 2 p. m. from the C. M. E. Methodist church. Rev. W. W. Jeffry, pastor.

Gone to a place of rest, Miss Pearl Hardy who has been on the sick list for some time passed away on Saturday and was buried Sunday from the First A. B. church, Rev. John Williams, pastor. Miss Hardy being a young miss, the funeral was largely attended by the younger set as well as the old ones.

The troopers from Brunswick now with the J. C. O'Brien shows are expected home this week. The show will close in Savannah, Ga., about the 9th or 10th of December. What will we have in our city for amusement now? Nothing but moving pictures. So let's be for Brunswick and don't talk so much.

Mr. Carl Daniel, the tailor, is in new quarters next to Buggs drug store. He is now prepared to serve the public. His place is the prettiest in the city. Also Mr. Dock Meyers, the noted presser, can be found at Mr. Carl Daniel's tailoring shop.

Prof. Godfrey is now planning for his birthday party which comes off on December 25th, Christmas day. This will be a swell affair for all musicians and his friends. Prof. Willie Timmons, James Walburg, Dock Ward of Busby Minstrels, are also invited to this birthday party, which they say they will be sure to attend.

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Mr. Lee Singleton, a devout member of St. James A. M. E. church, left the city recently for San Francisco, where he will engage with the S. P. Ry. Co.

Mr. A. J. Johnson, district worthy superior of the tabernacle, is leading the order to a marvelous success, and recommends the Freeman in highest terms.

We are glad to see Mr. John Simmons out again, having recovered from a protracted siege of illness.

Rising Star No. 69, D. K. of F., meets second and fourth Thursday night in each month at First Zion Trader Baptist church, Carrolton. E. D. Lawrence, president; J. Jones, vice-president; Miss E. Lawrence, financial secretary.

Kings Daughters and Sons of Rising Star Baptist church, all members of the church, are making rapid progress in raising rebuilding funds. Mrs. D. Young, president; Dr. William Cosey, pastor.

The Sister Hobgoblins will celebrate their third anniversary at Union Bethel A. M. E. church on Sunday, December 12. Rev. J. B. Bell, pastor.

LINCOLN, NEBR., NEWS.

Over two hundred people attended last Sunday's memorial services held at Mt. Zion church in honor of the late Dr. B. T. Washington, our great leader. The service was attended by white people as well as the colored. Dr. Booker T. Washington will always be remembered in Lincoln, Neb., for his great speeches.

Attorney C. B. Ross spoke of Dr. Washington as a citizen.

Mrs. R. Pierson spoke of Washington as a great man for his race of people.

Mr. Paul Moore spoke of Washington as an educator.

Mrs. Todd and Miss Opal Ashford sang some very nice solos.

The choir sang several selections.

Robert Granger, formerly of Salt Lake City, Utah, has located in our city.

Mrs. Rebecca Pearson was in Omaha Thanksgiving.

Many people turned out Thanksgiving day at the Zion Baptist church.

Mr. Glen Coleman, the agent of The Freeman, has interested us all in the paper, and we are waiting for the Christmas issue.

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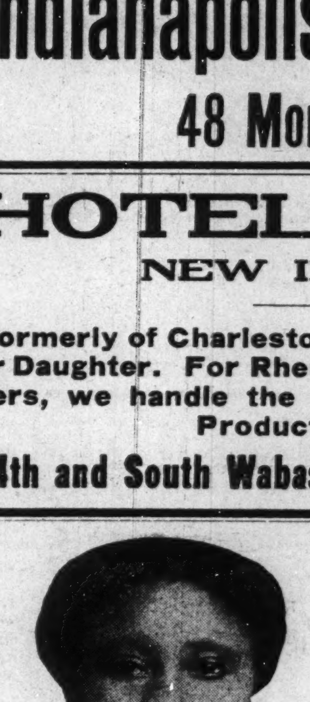

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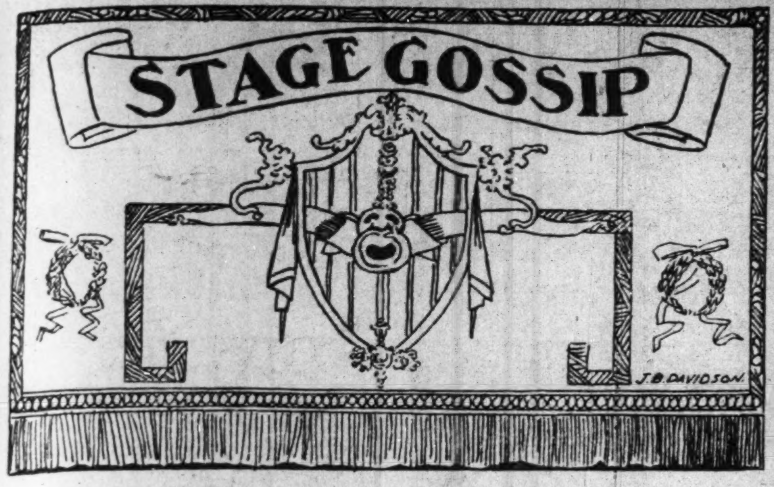


STAGE NOTES.

The great exposition number.

The Whites, Buffer and Addie, have joined the Georgia Colored Strollers.

Langster Bros., the Saxaphone Kids, are at the Booker Washington, St. Louis, Mo.

Two more issues and then. Well, are you with it? Will you miss something? We guess, yes.

Mr. Manzo Kelly, that piano boy, and Miss Ula Kelly, are now with the Georgia Colored Strollers.

Burns and Burns, Sandy and Gletchen, still making good with the Black Cat now in Wilmington, Del.

Brown, Waddy and Brown, formerly with Brown Spencer Stock Co., will be seen in vaudeville at an early date.

No false alarm. The exposition number of The Freeman will be the journalistic event of the fifty years of freedom.

After closing dates at the "Casino," Meridian, Miss., Effie Miles and Carrie Holt have joined hands as a sister team.

The Smith-Bright players, after two successful weeks in Indianapolis, are now in Louisville, Ky., at the Ruby theater.

Berry and Washington are at the Dixie, Newberne, N. C., this week, and will open Monday at the Dixie theater, Richmond, Va.

Leon The Magician has finished a successful season in South Carolina and is now in Georgia. Would like to hear from Alex. Toliver.

Alarmingly near Christmas. Had you observed it? And remember, performer, some of you have taken no space in the great Exposition Number.

"The Birth of a Nation," the big noise by way of moving pictures, will be at the English Opera House next week. We shall endeavor to see what its all about. Reviewed in exposition number.

Jelly Roll Ferd Horton will be ready to go to work now after three weeks of baths. He says, "lookout, Chicago, I'll be back soon." Some ragtime piano player. Tim Moore write, care of The Freeman.

Theresa Burroughs-Brooks, the charming little danseuse and performer, was nicely entertained while in Indianapolis with the Smith-Bright players. Mrs. Elwood C. Knox and Mrs. Lucy Vandyke helped to make bright the social side of her stay in this city.

Mr. Joe Miller was the guest of Miss Julia Scott, while in Dallas, Tex., with the J. C. O'Brien show No. 1. Mr. Miller was delightfully entertained by Miss Scott and a party of other friends until the wee hours of midnight. An elaborate lunch was served from 12 p. m. to 1:30 a. m. Those who were invited to meet Mr. Miller were Misses Ruth Marshall, Lelia Cook and Lillie Carpenter, Messrs. Sam Turner, Charles Collier and Chester Dunbar.

CINCINNATI NEWS BUREAU.

By Col. Brown and Staff.

The Lincoln.

Martin and Motley Company did the unexpected by producing a better show the last week than the first. It is usually the other way. The comedian, Charles Ross is an able support to Mr. Martin. They work smoothly together and Miss Pearl Roy shows a bit of character-study that is interesting. As a Dago miss her dialect was good and of course our little Rosie Motley done the stand out singing a new blues number which went well. It's easy for her to get them. She knows how the absurdity of two uneducated colored grafters trying to run a fake insurance was what created the fun. The show on the whole was good. In the second change it was noticeable that there was a complete change of custome also which gave a bright improvement over last week. Mr. Hugh Hill, who stood out last week on his dancing, shows well in the chorus. Robert Perry's song with the girls went big. Zel Bledseaux as a nice talker, does his part well. Others of the show: Misses Willester Fields, Rosetta Shanks and Lillian Fitzhugh, and a good little company.

Next week the Whitman Sisters, a red-hot company of boys and girls with Mabel, Essie and Alberta starring will hold the boards at the Lincoln Theatre. They carry some advertising matter worth while putting out.

The Clayborn Jones Co., though good, received a lay-off here of two weeks owing to the Crown closing, but he still wears a smile.

Geo. W. Richardson, the one-legged comedian, has found plenty of work doing white time here. He sends regards to his wife.

Mrs. G. K. West had a birthday. She is treasurer of the Lincoln Theatre. She received many presents from her numerous friends and she has some friends.; she seems always to be in good humor. May she have many more birthdays. One gift of particular meaning a pear-shaped savings bank.

The Seminoles, a popular young men's social club of this city, entertains their ladies by setting an elaborate dinner and dance Friday, Nov. 26.

Bonnie & Lemoura doing some white time here.

Rufus Monroe entertained some members of the Martin & Motley Company, at 524 Fifth street.

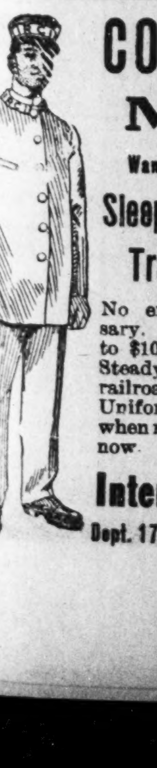
Mrs. Kate Williams entertained the new Price & Gales company after their final rehearsal. Many performers and managers witnessed this affair and were surprised at the clever work of the instructor, Robert Saunders, whose rapid method of dance and gesture instruction was proven a success through the clever work of Lillian Randolph, Willa Caldwell, Viola White, Ethel Ross, Edna Barrett, Marguerite Boyd, James Jones and Sylvester Robinson. The entertainment was pleasing to all.

The Ohio National Guards held a convention in this city and among the prominent officers were Major J. C. Fullerton, Captain Caldwell, Lieut. Rudd, Lieut. Nicolls and Chaplain Scott.

The Pekin.

The patronage here is still moving in the right direction. Last week they run the Y. M. C. A. pictures but the attendance was poor, owing to the value of that picture. Now there is one thing certain. If you want to make this picture you must hustle. There were less members of that organization there than any one else. Such pictures are of advantage to our race and we must support them.

Everybody is going to the charity ball at the armory on the 22d, even to Colonel Brown and his staff. This event should be a success owing to the committee in charge: Lena D. Evans, president; Susie Whitaker, vice-president; Phenon S. Frenk, secretary; Inqual W. Logan assistant and Armithine Mason, treasurer.



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WHITMANS IN PITTSBURG, PA.

(By D. P. Dorsey.)

The well known Whitman Sisters with Miss Gertrude Struffin and Thomas Hankins, Aaron and Sambo playing to crowded houses at the Star Theater, Pittsburgh, Pa., this week.

The T. Creole Serenaders make a big hit with their musical act at the Davis Theater this week.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NEWS.

By the Mule.

Billy Jones' trio was a hit in Jersey last Sunday.

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Williams and Stevens have split. Gus Stevens is working with Billy Percell.

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Jack Goldberg has resigned from the Locew office. (That means more work.)

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We are all waiting for Lubrie Hill with forty people. Will open at the Lafayette Jan. 3.

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Joe Sims and Ed Williams have joined hands and opened at the Lafayette and was a riot.

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Ray's Creole Bells will open at Saratoga, Monday, Dec. 13. Williams is the musical director.

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The Creole Band will open the Davis Theatre Monday, Dec. 6th on the Big time. Keep working boys.

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Billy Watts is rehearsing his big act for vaudeville. Ten people. His partner, Harris, is with him.

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Burns and Burns open at the Lincoln, New York, and went fine. This is their first appearance in New York.

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Mule Bradford had to cancel the Grand in Chicago because he couldn't make the jump, so Mr. Johnson don't think hard.

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Mule Bradford, Lincoln Theatre, New York week of Dec. 13th; Standard Philadelphia, Dec. 20 and Richmond, Va., Dec. 27th.

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The Real Quartet opened at the Harlem opera house and got the United time. Oh, how these boys can sing. Talent will tell.

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The Sullivan Considine time was sold last week. I know the colored performers will be glad because they would not play a colored act.

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Miller and Lyles have gone in rehearsal with 75 people. Will open on Broadway Dec. 20th. The boys have a three-year contract with John Cort.

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Billy King opens Dec. 6th at Loeen Lyric Theatre, with twelve people. Thirty-five minutes of comedy and songs (In Dear Luzon). We wish him much success.

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Jack Dempsey, manager of Lincoln Theatre is very popular in Harlem and will prove a valuable asset to Mrs. Downs in the capacity of manager. Eugene Elmore is out and every one is glad because Frenchy keeps your salary down. Performers write and you will be answered. Archie, the stage manager, is on the job all the time.

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Performers, go down and see C. P. Bailey of Atlanta, because he wants acts each and every week, and a good man to the performer. If you act right you will be treated likewise. He has proven to be the best man in the south to the colored performers, so go down and get out of the cold weather. Tolliver and Chappelle departed last Friday night for Atlanta. Kid Brown is there and Mule Bradford will be there Dec. 20th, so he must be all right.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

Roster of the Show—Chas. S. Black, manager and owner; John Dennis, stage manager; Harry Morton, bandmaster; Ben Gibson, pianist; Teddy Pope, Harry Morton, John Dennis, Sampson Brown, comedians; Luke Allen, traps; Misses Ethel Dallas and Vordie Smith, soloists. The novelty and vaudeville acts are Pope and Dallas, novelty wire act and singers; John Dennis, monologue; Pearl Moppin, musical hoop roller; Sampson Brown, buck, clog and eccentric dancer; Robert H. Simpson, trombone solos.

Earl D. Clendenon, solo cornetest, B. & O., says hello J. W. Wright. Wm. Bryant, what you told me about musicians is all true; yours for success, write as per route of Dandy Dixie minstrels. Regards to the "Old Sunny Dixie" Company.

Mr. Charles S. Black, owner, is back to the show after several weeks in advance. We are booked until July, 1916.

Mrs. Pope has received her new zelophone to be used in the act of Pope and Dallas, making their act consist of music, magic, singing, dancing, talking and wire walking.

Luke Allen sends regards to Mrs. W. H. T. Ransom, of Omaha.

Mr. Harry Morton sends regards to Whitney Viney.

Press Bridgewater, why don't you write, says R. H. Simpson.

Ben Gibson says hello Mae Harper and Bertha Lerue; why don't you write?

Regards to Sunny Dixie bunch.

Henry Bonner, you will hear from me soon.

NOTES FROM J. C. ROCKWELL'S S. S. CO.

We are on the fifteenth week of this season, to good business. Roster: Newell Morse, Wesley Norris, Lawrence Glover, James White, Charles Bogia, Leonard Cressy, H. S. Wooten, Alphonse Claybrooks, Calvern Jackson, Clark Goodby, Herbert Wilder, William Walker, Joseph Dixon, Etta Gross, Johnie Bogia, Lavinia Harrison, Jennie Claybrooks.

NASHVILLE, TENN., SHOW NOTES

This week Tim Moore's Chicago Follies play a return engagement at the Lincoln theater. Tim and the bunch made many friends while here on their last trip.

The Twelfth Avenue theater this week is playing Payne's Big Stock Company.

TO AGENTS OF THE FREEMAN!

It will do well for the agents to begin at once looking forward to increased orders for our Exposition Number.

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BUD SNYDER AT THE GRAND.

Kelly and Davis Make a Hit—Rucker and Winfred Score.

With a new electric lighted display of headliners and a strong bill to back it up, Manager Johnston continued the popular tenor of his way as a showman. Bud Snyder, the boy with a champion bicycle reputation, came forth with an act that in point of novelty and comedy was far above the average and away from anything else in the bicycle line. His assistants were two silence and fun tramp comedy, not acrobatic, comedians, who were very funny and amusing in all their antics, so much so that Snyder's act was an easy walkover, except that his high pedestal cycle balancing, in which he played musical chimes, with his cycle, and then dropped in a thrilling dive to the stage, was marvellous. Barber & Jackson, the lanky comedian, who always has good funny songs and parodies and Miss Jackson, a cultured sweet singer, well up in her comedy, played a return date, better than ever. Eva Wescott, in "A Butterfly Wife," was a prepossessing blonde, talented, and had bewitching ways and mostumes, for instance, a salmon gown lavish in expenditure. She was a good actress and her playlet won applause. Mr. and Mrs. Cosby, in a cabinet pantomime were good and their musical bells won favor. Dude Kelly and Amon Davis were the only colored act on the bill and shared honors with the best white acts of the very good show. Davis' alphabetic sermon song made a big hit and the dancing of Kelly was greater than ever and shared equal honors. The last half of last week retained John Rucker and Henry Winfred who had tried their audiences out during the first part of the week and developed in comedy to such an extent that they scored heavily on the finish. The Creightons, jugglers, balancers and tumblers, were the finest act of the kind seen at The Grand in some time. Joe Banister in "Auld Lang Syne" was a plaintive drama of domestic life with melodramatic flavor of comedy and singing which gave charm to one of the finest acts in vaudeville and the star as well as the support was up to the standard. The Harmony Girls were quite an attraction as singers and the trio, including a man, was clever. Mr. and Mrs. McGreeve in comedy and a wire act pleased. This week's shows are drawing big and the pictures are up to the standard.

The Danabegay at the Riswell.

Although the Danabegay did not get enough advertising, the occasion last Thursday week, December 2, served to please the elite and indorse the efforts of Frank P. George, who seems to indulge in art for the sake of its artists and to appease the best element of society. The Riswell is a small hall for basket ball, but adequate for small performances. The program had but five numbers to precede the dancing, which is usual. Miss Yvette De Costa, the soloist, displayed a voice of much volume in size, in selections of semi-classical worth, say nothing of inaccuracy of pitch or schooling, but her high middle notes were sweet. Will Tyler, the violinist, played a mazurka and Dvork's "Humereske." Even if the latter selection was not enough to show off Tyler's real qualities as an artist and soloist in the classics, it demonstrated that he is a tone producer who is not defective but defaults by a deliberation of expediency in expression which mars that pathos which appeals to art-perfection and finish. But Tyler is a born musician whose magnetism is found only in the solace of his work. James White, a song writer pianist, won favor in his class. Frank P. George, who was cut out for a serious actor, was interesting in The Drunkard (by request), for which he was reared by nature and moulded by sentiment of fine arts. Will Brown's orchestra played well and dancing was next in line.

Progress of the Movies.

The Unique Film Company in presenting "Shadowed by the Devil" is still drawing big crowds wherever it has shown. Many inquiries from the southern states both by telegrams and letters have come in to the office as a result of the pictures success. The results of this new company of all colored performers should insure the public of what their future ventures will be. The days of drama among colored people have come into play, both in vaudeville theaters and picture houses as has been demonstrated at the Grand.

States Theater—"For Could a Man Do More?" Saturday, December 11; "His Wife." Sunday, December 12; Booker T. Washington's funeral pictures did not arrive in time for Monday's show.

Atlas Theater—"The Idol" and "Diamond" (series) Saturday, December 11; "Via Wireless," Sunday, December 12. This house is full every night. The management is popular and everything is cheerful.

The Phoenix—"A Fool There Was" (no children) Saturday, December 11; Arnold Daly in "The Menace of the Mute," Sunday, December 12; "Shadowed by the Devil" was run for a return date last Tuesday to big business.

The Washington—"The Secret Room" Saturday, December 11; "Bit of Lace," Sunday, December 12. "Shadowed by the Devil" drew a full house last week.

The Lincoln—Business was fair. More will probably be said anent this house at a later date.

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Current Literature.

Jack Smith and Will Glenn were at the Lincoln last week. They have six weeks at present on the western vaudeville time to open at South Bend with Gary to follow.

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Sap and Gaines in a sketch, "Two Boys from Home," are at the Orpheum theater, Milwaukee, Wis. Henry Saparo's elimination of his name, it is hoped, will tend to broaden his fame.

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W. A. Carr, of Portland, Oregon, owner of the Palace Buffet of that city, was a visitor last week. When he arrives to his home, 553 Market street, that city, if he is a Freeman subscriber, he will see his name in the newspaper.

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Sam H. M. Davis, or at least Davis and Walker, have arrived from the Pantages time out west. Davis who is the greatest colored acrobat now before the public, spoke highly of the ability of the late Charles Davis—both the same name.

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Mr. Peppers, the steam and gas fitter, of 3433 Wabash avenue, held me as his guest for five minutes at The De Luxe. Our topic was the training of his boy and now his son is a model young husband. That's what I say. It's the training that makes the man.

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Hon. Richard T. Greener, the noted philosopher and diplomat was out at sunrise one chilly morning to catch the fragrant air from the blustering lake. I hailed him on the Stroll. He had been the first man invited to address Tuskegee and spoke of what a great loss Dr. Washington's death is to the institution. I asked him who he thought would succeed as president. He replied that Mr. Morrell, of Hampton, looked likely, but he had no idea. And now it's in print without his authority. Personally I think Emmett J. Scott is eminently fitted.

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The Hermit Club, Charles Carpenter's place at 4710 State street, had a grand oriental carnival. Henderson W. Bowen, tenor, was the soloist all last week. Prof. Poindexter is pianist; Mamie Clemons entertainer and Max Bell is in the buffet. Raleigh Thompson's soloist at the Office, 464 State street, is Jennie Ringgold. The Stop Off is the name of the new buffet at 17 East 35th street. J. A. Barber, the proprietor, is well known among railroad men and popular. Cabaret is given in the back parlor. Both the Panama and Teenan Jones place are full nightly. W. C. Hall, a New York restaurant man, has bought out Edickson's old place at 11 East 31st street. He is progressive and will soon bring the lunch room up to the popular standard.

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Mr. Byron Goggin and myself are very much obliged to the performers and friends who responded to the circular letters issued and others who contributed in a smaller way toward the burial of the late Charles Davis. I agreed with Mr. Goggin that he should not have to assume all the burden of responsibility under the circumstances, so I volunteered to assist him, as Mr. Davis was no more to him than the performers were, even if he was Eddie Goggins's partner. Byron Goggin, by the way, is not in abject circumstances. He is an electrician and he and his wife, who was ill, reside in the home owned by his aunt, widow of the late Dr. Lane. Goldie Crosby (Mrs. Sidney L. Perrin) the golden angel of the colored profession, who is now famous and will always be beloved for her charity work, volunteered to help us raise money and she, like us, was greatly embarrassed and humiliated because Davis has been a prosperous actor with no sympathy for the misfortune of having lost his mind. Misfortune of some kind may befall anybody in life regardless of their circumstances. A report of funds collected is as follows: Returns from the circular letter solicitation for one dollar: Sissieretta Jones (Black Patti), Carita Day, Jennie Hillman, Mrs. Lane, Tom Brown, Salem Tutt Whitney, Charles Johnson, Frank Mallory, Bert Murphy, Sam H. M. Davis (of Davis & Walker), Samuel O. Williams (Billy Williams), Robert Gray, Boston, Mass. Other collections: Goldie Crosby $11; one dollar from Henry Tenan Jones; Daniel Budd, $5; James Bartlett, $2; George W. Holt, $1 and $1 in a list collection at the Mission buffet, 35th street and 50c at the Hotel Brunswick, his places of business; Dan Jackson, $2; Prof. William Berry, the bandmaster, $1; Hon. Major Jackson, $1; William Hooley, $1; Theodore Holland, $1; Tony Langston, $1; D. K. Bruce, $1; Mr. Wiley, of the Mineral Springs billiard parlor, 50c, and about $1.50 from an actor's collection at the Pompei; Jennie Hillman's dollar, 25 cents from Frank P. George, and 25 cents from Theodore Pankey. I paid out for cuts to picture the actors. Mr. Goggin appreciated my services by asking me not to contribute. The balance due of the funeral expenses, about $8, will be paid by Mr. Goggin.

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A FRIEND'S ADVICE.

Don't be too sure that you're the goods,
Or think your prestige carries weight;
For when you show your self-esteem,
You'll find that you are nothing great.

Don't haste to be too much in love,
Or hasten in the passion race;
For when your health is gone, you know,
There'll be some one to take your place.

Don't be repugnant now and pout,
Or think I'm meddling in your fate;
For if you fail to win your race,
The warning then will be too late.

—Sylvester Russell.

NOTES FROM THE OLD RELIABLE SILAS GREEN SHOWS.

Prof. Eph Williams is manager, Max C. Elliott, general agent, is twelve days in advance of this now famous attraction, carrying 270 foot cars, all steel train. Fifty-five people and twelve head of stock. Some show. That is what the natives say in Mins. when Silas Green comes to town. Visitors at the show the past ten days were F. S. Walcott, Mr. Klinn formerly of the Allen's Minstrels, Max C. Elliott our general agent, Mr. Russell of the Russell comedians, Mr. Nigro of the Nigro Carnival, and others. This is the leading colored show of the great southeast. Business is all we can take care of.

NOTES OF ALABAMA MINSTELS.

A. J. McFarland.

We are still in the state of Oklahoma playing to nice houses. The weather for this week is more pleasant than last and the bunch is all preparing for the big Christmas number of The Freeman. There is but little to say of the bunch at this writing, as everybody is happy and well and the show is sailing along in smiles.

McFarland would like to hear from E. W. Brown and the entire bunch of the Huntington's and says old Wiggs, take care of the old west for some day I may come back.

All mail will reach me through The Freeman. Hello Foots and Remerel; hope you will be able to twirl by next season. Take care of the wing. The bunch joins me in hoping to Williams' boys success and prosperity.

NOTES FROM THE GEORGIA ENTERTAINERS.

We played Gt. Bend Friday and Saturday to capacity business, and The Georgia Strollers, managed by Upton Williams, visited us Saturday night, having an open date. After the show as previously arranged, six of my people went over to the Upton Williams' show, thus crippling my show, but we are not going to close, but on the other hand, we are going to place the show back up to its standard as fast as possible. Well, Bro. Williams, look out, for if that is your way of doing business the crash may meet you some day in a way that you may never recover. Regards to the profession. Respectfully, Pro. M. W. Walker, Mgr. Georgia Entertainers.

SILAS GREEN COMPANY IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Max C. Elliott, the wildcat agent, and most successful white agent handling colored attractions, has at last taken the famous Prof. Eph Williams' "Silas Green from New Orleans Co." into New Orleans. This attraction opens Sunday matinee, Dec. 12, at the well known popular Temple theater, the only colored house in the city of New Orleans. The attraction will remain there till Dec. 15th, when it will take the one night stands again. Fifty people are carried and the attraction is the largest colored company on the road.

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M'DONALD, PA.

The Silver Leaf Choir of the First Baptist church gave a free musical concert Monday evening, Septemer 23, followed by a reception. A large crowd attended and the entertainment proved to be a success.

A lovely surprise was given Miss Tina Mae Lewis Tuesday evening, September 30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry. Games and music were the diversions of the evening and at a reasonable hour a delicious lunch was served. Miss Lewis received many beautiful gifts and at 12:30 the guests departed, all reporting having a fine time.

Mrs. Chas. Redd is on the sick list.

Mrs. E. L. Shelton visited her daughter, Mrs. Annie Poindexter, of Bellevernon from Tuesday until Friday.

Mrs. Anna Harvey and daughter, Mary, and son, Earnest, and Miss Maude Redd were business callers in Pittsburg Friday.

Miss Nannie B. Straiter, of Ben Avon, spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Redd.

Mr. Whitfield Minor is on the sick list.

Mrs. John Anderson and children, of Midway, spent the latter part of the week at the home of her father, Mr. Flinn Lewis.

Mr. Sam Johnson was injured last week while at work.

Messrs. Robert Browning and Lee A. Lynch spent Sunday in Carnegie.

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DRAKE & WALKER CO. STILL A DRAWING CARD AT THE MONOGRAM THEATER, CHICAGO.

Now in their Sixth Week at Chicago, Illinois—Reviewed Monday Night, December 6, 1915

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The Drake & Walker Co. was seen in a rip-roaring comedy drama entitled "What Woman Will Do." This attraction was all that could be desired, with special scenery and props, making bits popular as well as classical. A play which not only because of its substantial merit, but on account of the highly creditable manner of its presentation, justified the strong interest that followed its first unfolding, with a remarkable cast, headed by H. Drake, scored an instant hit. There was the saving grace of an adroit ending and this, together with the accurate character drawing on the part of the players and the author, brought the curtain down with a feeling of satisfaction to the audience.

Cast in Vaudeville of the Drake & Walker Co.: Miss Evelyn Carter filled the opening position very well in her singing and was well received, three minutes, one bow. Miss Birdie Wade, in black face, nut talk and song, worked easily and smoothly through six minutes, two bows. Miss Irene Cook, unquestionably makes a hit with her singing and buck dancing. This little girl is a distinct addition to any program, five minutes, two bows. Miss Jessie Burney and a chorus of four pretty girls dressed in military costumes in a big feature song and drill, was warmly received, six minutes, won them two encores and one bow. Mr. George Philips, and his ragtime dancers of two girls and two boys, in a whirl of good dancing were all dancers of ability and well trained; eight minutes, one bow. H. Drake, Ethel Walker, Hattie Taylor and William Bailey, in "What Woman Will Do," proved their popularity by bringing on a storm of applause at the close of the act; twenty minutes, four bows.

AT THE NATION'S METROPOLIS.

The Lincoln Theatre is a Unique Playhouse—Theatre Named After Lincoln has Transformed Community—Mrs. Maria C. Downs Proprietress of Theatre Praises Dramatic Ability of Negroes—New President of St. Mark's Brotherhood—A Young Race Champion—Story of How A. C. Babb Fought a Case of Discrimination and Won—Cleveland G. Allen Lauds Booker T. Washington—Newspaper Correspondent Recalls Incidents in the Life of the Great Educator.

Allen's National News Bureau 321 West 59th Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Lincoln theater in this city, located in West 135th street, is one of the most interesting playhouses in this country. The Lincoln theater is unique in many ways, and it may be safe in saying that there is no house in the country that is doing more to solve the amusement question for the community than the Lincoln. The growth of the theater has been marvelous, and so effective has been the theater in its attempt to maintain the highest theatrical ethics until the whole tone and face of the community has changed.

Before the Lincoln moved in the neighborhood there was no provision made for the amusement and recreational life of the community, and as the result the neighborhood was the meeting place of the indifferent element of the race and community. The theater opened on Christmas eve in the year 1908, as a vaudeville and motion house.

It soon became the center of the amusement life of the neighborhood, and so rapid was its growth until it soon outgrew its present quarters. The theater which was opened largely as an experiment contained only 297 seats.

In order to meet the growing demands of the community in the spring of 1915 building began for the erection of a new theater which was completed in October. The opening of the theater in its large and commodious quarters was one of the most notable events in the life of the neighborhood. The new Lincoln stands today as a modern, well equipped playhouse which is addressing itself to the task of solving the question of the amusement life of a community. The theater has now become a fixture, and has done as much to solve the race problem in this city as any other agency. The theater is not only contributing to the recreational welfare of the Negro in this city, but is contributing largely to the economic support of the race. The work of the theater is carried on almost wholely by colored men and women, and in this direction the theater is doing much to show the ability of the Negro to meet competition. The pay roll which amounts to over $500.00 weekly goes into the hands of colored men and women.

The present success of this unique playhouse is due to the broad management of the proprietress of the house, Mrs. Maria C. Downs, who is one of the broadest white women in America.

In talking to your correspondent, Mrs. Downs told of the wonderful change she has seen come over the neighborhood since the theater moved in the neighborhood. She said that she was growing to like the work, and that she has had splendid opportunity to study the character of the Negro.

The theater stated Mrs. Downs, is trying to give to colored performers an opportunity to show their ability and to get a hearing, and in this direction the theater is meeting a needed condition. Mrs. Downs who has an attractive and womanly personality, has a splendid mental balance, and shows fine tact in the management of the theater. Through her broad sympathy the Lincoln theater has taken iniative in responding to many of the needs that come from the neighborhood. Families in destitute condition, together with various charitable institutions have found the Lincoln theater ready to respond to their pleas. Mrs. Downs although born in Spain, has been in this country since her early womanhood. She was educated in the Normal College in this city. She has had fine training for her work and many years was prima donna for the Edison Phonograph Company, where she sang Spanish songs. Mrs. Downs has made a close study of the ethics of the business and in the management of the theater. This is well seen in the tone and characters of the shows that play the house. She is assisted in the management of the theater by Billy Burke, one of the most experienced playwrights in America.

All shows playing the Lincoln come under the discriminating sense of Billy Burke, which has much to do with the high tone of the theater. Mrs. Downs has shown her appreciation for the work of Lincoln the emancipator, by naming the theater in his honor. The Lincoln policy is readily in evidence at the theater. The Lincoln theater is a fine study. It is doing much to show that the Negro has the same appreciation for the refining uplift of the stage, and the ability of the Negro to succeed in any field. In the attempt of the theater to solve and to furnish the proper amusement for a community this unique playhouse is a success.

New President for St. Mark's Brotherhood.

At the last election of officers of the St. Mark's Brotherhood of St. Mark's M. E. church, J. S. Maxwell, one of the most brilliant young men of the church, was elected president of the organization succeeding R. T. Browne the founder of the movement. The election of Mr. Maxwell to the presidency of the organization has met with the general approval of the men of the brotherhood, as well as the members of the church. Mr. Maxwell is one of the strongest young men in St. Mark's M. E. church, and is active in many departments of the church. He was a member of the official board for two years, and at the present time is class leader. In the work of the church he takes keen interest, and by his devotion and fine spiritual balance has won a large circle of friends who wish him success in the new honor that has come to him.

Mr. Maxwell was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but went to South Carolina at an early age. He attended Shaw University at Raleigh, N. C., for six years. The mental training and spiritual enthusiasm so evident in Mr. Maxwell will stand him in good stead in his present office. The St. Mark's Brotherhood is one of the strongest movements of the church. It is made up of the most brilliant young men in the church. A feature of its work is its young men's bible class which meets every Sunday afternoon.

Story of How a Young Negro Fought Discrimination.

Your correspondent from time to time is glad to call attention to young men of the race who have won recognition for themselves and the race. One of the most signal victories won for the civil rights of the Negro in this city has just been discovered by your correspondent.

The victory shows pluck and persistence, and may be regarded as the opening wedge for the civil rights of the Negro in this city.

The case concerns itself about A. C. Babb, who, in company with two white acquaintances, entered a cafe in West 23d street on April, 1913, and was charged 50 cents for a drink.

Mr. Babb decided at once to make a test case of the affair and immediately entered suit against the management.

The case came up in one of the municipal courts of the city and Mr. Babb was awarded a decision of $100.00 and costs. The proprietor of the cafe decided to fight the case, and carried through various courts until it reached the Supreme Court of the state, which confirmed the lower court's decision and awarded to Mr. Babb a decision of $163, which resulted in a signal victory for Mr. Babb. Mr. Babb's lawyer was Samuel Scharberger, one of the most successful lawyers in this city.

Since the victory of Mr. Babb, Negroes are served in the same cafe without any discrimination, and the same applies to many of the other cafes of the city that heretofore refused to serve colored men. The victory was a significant one, and Mr. Babb deserves much praise for his courage in fighting this evil. Mr. Babb has been in the employ of the Robischon and Packham Company, one of the largest concerns in the city, as shipping clerk for five years. He received congratulations from many sources on being the first man of the race to contest the new civil rights bill in this city.

Newspaperman Lauds Booker T. Washington.

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Cleveland G. Allen, newspaper correspondent, spoke at the exercises of the B. Y. P. U. last Sunday afternoon on the subject, "Booker T. Washington as I Knew Him."

Mr. Allen told of his personal acquaintance with the late educator, and how the death of the great leader had affected the work of the race. He told of incidents in the life of Dr. Washington gathered from his contact with the educator as a newspaper correspondent when he used to visit this city. Mr. Allen stated that Dr. Washington always placed his sympathy on the side of the weak and that he always thought of the great masses of his race. He told how Dr. Washington, in conference with him several years afo, urged him as a news writer not to forget the man who digs in the subway, or the woman who washed at the tub. Dr. Washington never forgot me, states Mr. Allen, and whenever he came to this he always found time to give him a word with him. He appreciated the struggles of young men in whatever fields and always sought to encourage, and always sought to encourage them. Mr. Allen told how the race throughout the country will miss him. Others on the program were Mrs. Rebecca Porter, Miss Marjorita Manning, Miss Daisy Sigmard, J. J. Yancey and Rev. R. M. Bolden.

NEWS OF BULL CITY, DURHAM, N. C.

By Claiborne White.

Prof. Watkins, manager of the Rex theatre, will put up a nice up-to-date theatre, and the new show house will be ready by the first of March. He will play vaudeville and pictures. This is the only colored theatre in the city.

Walker & Walker, singers and dancers, would like to hear from managers of vaudeville theatres and road shows. Address all mail to Walter Walker, 323 Foster street, care Smith Hotel, Durham, N. C.

Prof. Sun Payne, magician and handcuff king, is making good this week while playing at the West End hall Watch for his ad. and cut in The Freeman soon.

Mr. Claiborne White would like to hear from Miss Bessie Oliver, Mammie Vaughan, Lena Wilson. Please write at once. Don't forget the place to get your Freeman; 118 Cora street.

ALTON, ILL., NEWS.

By Pearl Curtis.

The funeral of Alfred R. Walker, Jr., was held Sunday, December 5, 1915, at the A. M. E. church. There was a large attendance.

Mrs. M. E. Gooden, of Webster Grove, Mo., came to Alton November 28 to attend the birthday dinner of her daughter, Julia Bass.

Mrs. Chas. McFarland gave an afternoon tea party November 22. The guests were Rev. Tiff and wife, Mrs. McEmery, Mrs. J. D. Henry, of Utah, Mrs. H. Hunter and Mrs. Jessie Jones of St. Louis, Mo., were present.

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Alford, Johnie.
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Beaman, J.
Burton, Wayne.
Byrd, Will
Berger, Cummett
Brown, James (Buddy).
Coffey, Chas. H.
Cohn, Blackie.
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Day, George.
Craddock, J. W.
Daniels, Willie.
Dewey, M. V.
Drayton, Carl.
Dexter, David.
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Edwards, Frank.
Eldridge, Willie.
Freeman, Terry.
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Fairchild, Mr.
Grant, Archie.
Graham, Sam.
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Hicks, J. T.
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Jones, Bill H.
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Lazzo, Joseph.
Miller, Joe.
Moreland, Frank.
McCloudy, Harvey.
Montgomery, Frank.
Nelson, Arnett.
Nelson, Buddie
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Oliver, Jack.
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Porter, Buster
Pugh, William.
Redmond, Ralph
Robinson, Noah.
Smith, J. A.
Suddler, Joseph.
Simmons, Arthur.
Stovall & Stovall.
Stevenson, Robert.
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Thomas, James.
Taylor, Arthur.
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Taylor, Joe.
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Young, W. H.
Zeek, Billie.

Ladies' List.

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Buckner, Maggie.
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Cox, Ida.
Conda, Mrs. Elizabeth C.
Davis, Miss Georgia
Dixon, Maggie.
Dudley, Lizzie H.
Earl, Anna B.
Freeman, Susie.
Glenn, LaBelle.
Graham, Maggie B.
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Harris, Estella.
Harper, Mae.
Lowe, Mrs. Birther
Lazzo, Miss Josephine.
Mack, Baby.
Nelson, Clara.
Orrd, Miss Jenette.
Princess Rajah.
Purnsley, Ethel.
Spikes, Evelyne.
Thompson, Mrs. Dana.
VanClay, Elizabeth.
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Wilson, Lena.
Walton, Helen.
Walton, Miss L.
Williams, Martha.

ROUTE.

Leon The Magician & Co.—Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 13 to 20.

Dandy Dixie Minstrels—Gordon, Neb., Dec. 13; Rushville, 14.

J. C. Rockwells' Sunny South Co.—Theresa, N. Y., Dec. 13; Sackets Harbor, 14.

Richard & Pringle's Minstrels—Thatcher, Ariz., Dec. 13; Lordsburg, N. Mex., 14; Deming, 15; Santa Rita, 16; Silver City, 17.

Silas Green From New Orleans Co., Prof. Eph Williams, Mgr.—New Orleans, La., Dec. 13-14; Bay St. Louis, 15; Pass Christian, 16; Gulfport, 17.

Williams' Bros. Georgia Colored Strollers, Upton Williams, Mgr.—Wilson, Kans., Dec. 13; Gypsum, 14; Shady Bend, 15; Lincoln, 16; Hill City, 17; Goodland, 18.

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Seen and Heard while Passing

By Salem Tutt Whitney With the Smart Set Co.

THE PRICE OF LIBERTY.

Prologue.

O God! hear our cry—for we are oppressed!
O hear us we pray—for we are distressed!
If aught we have done Thy wrath to provoke,
A pennance we'll do—then God lift the yoke.
If ignorant pride didst make us forget,
Pray tell us that we may cancel the debt.
O God! hear our cry—we yearn to be free!
O tell us the price of our liberty!

If pain be the price: We've suffered the rack
At the torturer's harsh command.
We have felt the crack, on our naked back,
Of a whip in a master's hand.
We've labored unfed, at night and at morn;
Known the pain of a broken heart.
We've seen our first-born, from their mother torn,
To be sold at the slaver's mart.
O that wail of despair we can ne'er forget;
Pray tell us, dear God, have we paid the debt?

If shame be the price: Then long did we crawl
'Neath the yoke in a slave cursed land.
O we've drunk it all, the wormwood and gall,
As we cringed from the tyrant's hand.
We have felt the sting of the white man's scorn,
And our heads we've sprinkled with dust;
Our women have gone—had they not been born—
Just to surfeit a white man's lust.
Oh! that anguished cry we ne'er forget;
Pray tell us, dear God, have we paid the debt?

If blood be the price: We've bled from the lash
And the weight of the driver's stroke.
From the rifle's flash and the cannon's crash
In the battle front's blinding smoke.
Yes, we've quaked with fear, for assassin's hands,
All unseen, made our blood run more.
While the Ku-klux Klans and their lawless bands
Washed their craven hands in our gore.
Oh! that tortured shriek we can ne'er forget;
Now, tell us, dear God, have we paid the debt?

O if pain be the price of liberty;
O if shame be the price of liberty;
O if blood be the price of liberty;
Lord, God, we have paid in full!

—Salem Tutt Whitney.

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John English, celebrated hoop roller, and for many years associated with Queen Dora, the fire dancer, is now managing the Pekin Theater, Montgomery, Ala. Under Mr. English's efficient management the Pekin has become one of the most successful picture houses in the country. No film is too high priced or too high classed for the Pekin. Considerable jealousy has been created between the Pekin and some of the white picture houses because Mr. English has been able to secure and present many wonderful films before the white houses can secure them. The famous Triangle films are being presented in the white houses for 15, 25 and 50 cents. Mr. English presents the same films for 10 and 15 cents. He claims that the Pekin is the only colored house in the country presenting these wonderful films.

Mr. English is intelligent, energetic and finds genuine pleasure in hard work. He is an all-round performer, enacting character parts with real ability; an excellent chorus man; a good bass singer and is rated one of the best Tuba players in the country. He has always been successful in his work because these essentials have not been offset by intemperate habits.

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Samuel P. Gardner, of St. Louis, Mo., character artist, buck and wing, clog and eccentric dancer, is one of the most unique characters ever associated with the Smart Set Shows. Sam loves his work. He is one of those rare persons that can be fitted in to strengthen any weak spot in a show. He can always be depended upon to make good. Sam never tries to make quality or quantity of his work fit the salary he is receiving. He would work just as hard and as well if he were only getting his board and lodging as he does now while receiving a very god salary.

There is no department of the stage that Sam does not know. If there is any "prop" needed at short notice Sam will build it if it can not be had otherwise. If the stage carpenter is sick, he can hang the show. If the comedian or the straight man is off, he can fill their places with credit to himself and all concerned. If a trunk is broken, a key to be fitted, an unbrella to be mended, a watch to be repaired, Sam will do it. He has the right idea. The only way to be sure of a good position is to make himself indispensable to one's employer and to the success of his business.

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Boys or girls with a show, who never do any more than they have to do. Who are unwilling to make an extra effort or spend a little extra time to improve the show they are with will never be successful.

NEWS OF THE PLAYERS.

St. John E. Cooper, magician, known as the Great Mayo, is now in Chicago, Ill., to hibernate for the winter. Friends write care Millers, 3000 S. State street.

Freddie Pratt, trombonist, says hello Dumas, let me see your "mug" in the Xmas issue. Why don't you write, Arthur Gibbs. Best regards to Tolliver's Smart Set Co. Write me "Shark."

The Pewees will close with the Virginia Minstrels at Argenta, Ark., Dec. 18th, after making forty-one successful weeks. Will take a few days' rest at Cincinnati, then will be seen in vaudeville.

Joe Simms and Ed Williams have formed partnership and opened at Lafayette theater, New York City, Dec. 6, 1915. They played the Fourteenth Street theater last week, with much success. They are routed over U. B. O.

A. B. Williams is making good with the Vaudeville Carnival company at Caldwell, Texas, this week. He sends regards to Charles Edwards, Bessie Brown, Dorothy Burton, Jesse Banks and Langford. Write me at Caldwell, Texas.

Mack and Mack, (Billie and Mary), just finished one week at the Boston theater, Roanoke, Va., where they made quite an impression. This week at the Hippedrome, Richmond, Va. The Howard theater, Washington, D. C., to follow. Lew. W. Henry, Director.

Robinson's Old Kentucky Minstrels is a new theatrical venture. It is made up with 28 people, also band and orchestra. Travel in private car. The company is doing a nice business. The roster: Dudley and Dudley, Holmes and Holmes, Jones and Jones, West and West, R. L. Lovelace, A. L. Simmons, Everett Shane, W. Faid, B. James, W. H. James, J. Moody, J. Hopkins, M. Eric, Prof. Franklin, A. Matthews, S. McWilliams. All send regards to the profession. Dennis West with Robinson's Old Ky. Minstrels, at Greenville, Miss., Dec. 6.

NEW QUEEN THEATER.

Birmingham, Ala.

The great musical show at the New Queen theater this week is meeting with wonderful success, giving the amusement loving public a little change from the usual vaudeville bill. We have quite a star cast in Bruce and Bruce; the Pattersons; Bailey and Bailey; Harris and Mines; Miss Linnie Moore, and Geo. Lewis.

Good people who like good treatment, write J. L. Savage, manager.

ONE BROTHER IN 10,000.

Earl Terry, the little comedian, has closed with Punch Jones Ragtime Opera company and has opened a shoe shining parlor in the Albany hotel, at Albany, Ore., being the only colored person in the town of 10,000 people. Earl is singing his own song when "Oregon Goes Dry, I Am Going East."

GRAND THEATER REOPENS.

The Grand Theatre at Birmingham, Ala., has reopened with vaudeville and high class motion pictures. Last week's vaudeville bill included the following well known artists: Lewis and Dudley, Henrietta Brown, Nip and Tuck, Frank Outlaw, Broadway Green and Byrd and Byrd.—T. R. Johnson is the manager.

MISS TILLIE SEGUIN OF NEW YORK CITY ENTERTAINED.

OMAHA, Neb.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frampton gave a dinner party at their residence, 1811 Cumming street, Tuesday, November 30th, in honor of Miss Tillie Seguin, of New York, who has a two weeks' engagement at the Dunbar club. The affair was very pretty and elaborate and the music furnished by the "So Different Orchestra" was quite an inovation. Among those present were Misses Ethel Crosswaite, Madge Pierson, Irene Stewart, Ethel Dunn and Hazel Burns, Messrs. Ivan Washington, Wynne McCullough, Charlie Joiner, Ben Burton, Charlie Clark, Fred Railey Jackson, Roy Givens and Bruce Kinley.

NEWS ITEMS OF J. C. O'BRIEN'S GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

Just a little dope relative to what is doing about the winter quarters of J. C. O'Brien's Georgia Minstrels. The No. 1 show closed at Savannah, Ga., Dec. 6th, where capacity business prevailed and Colonel O'Brien was much pleased with the results. The No. 2 show closed at Vidalia, Ga., Dec. 6th and shipped direct to Savannah, arriving Dec. 7th.

Colonel O'Brien has secured a lease with the privilege of buying one acre of ground with one large shed which was formerly used for a dry kiln and about two hundred feet long. With but little expense it was made into an ideal winter quarters, work-shop and barn. The Colonel will have an office arranged where he can be found daily, directing the building of the No. 3 show of which Jas. Mahoney will have an interest in and manage same. Lue Aynson, who is interested in the No. 2 show, notwithstanding the severe weather he encountered the fore part of the season, closed with a goodly sum on the right side of the ledger. This being Mr. Aynson's first season as manager of the No. 2 show he has handled it in an able and satisfactory manner.

The No. 1 show, under the management of Harry Busenbark, closed with a splendid profit. Mr. Busenbark has managed the show in an able manner and more than satisfactory to Colonel O'Brien.

Very few chances have taken place during the season with either show, which speaks well of the management.

Jim Green, who is the producer and stage manager of the No. 1 show, has introduced more new ideas in staging a minstrel show than any one that has ever been connected with Mr. O'Brien's enterprises.

LITTLE SEYMOUR JAMES WRITES FROM HARRY YOUNG'S ORIGINAL BLACK TROUBADOURS, AT EARLE, ARK.

At this writing finds every member getting along fine. The entire bunch enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner at Earle, Ark. Mr. Young, our manager, is spending most of his time enlarging his show. He just received his new tent and scenery. His new tent is 100 by 60, with a seating capacity of 800, which makes this one of the biggest colored minstrels on the road. We are having a little cold weather down in Ar-can-saw, but it don't hurt the Troubadours any as our tent is heated with six heaters, which makes it very comfortable for our patrons. Mr. Al Boyd, our producer and stage director, is always busy betting his new shows. Mr. Boyd is there.

Mrs. Cora L. Boyd, that dainty little girl, takes two and three nightly with her popular airs of today. Mrs. Boyd is a swell girl. She is a coming performer. She is there with all good singers and is making a hit with "I'll d a mour." Some singer.

Mr. Chas. English, our funny fellow, is making them all laugh. Mr. English never fails to take two and three when he sings "World is Round" and "Fat Gal." He sends regards to Ellwood Knox.

T. H. Jones, our eccentric dancer and straight, is there. He is some boy. Mr. Jones was out in Mark Tree, Ark., having some time with the girls. It cost him a good run to the car. He sure can run.

J. H. Neal (that man) is still making them laugh nightly. Neal wears some swell wardrobe. He is a clever comedian. He would make a mule laugh.

George Bell is funny as ever. Mr. Bell and Mr. Boyd keep them laughing in their comedy, singing, talking and dancing act. Mr. Boyd is some straight and knows how to feed his comedian.

Mrs. Ethel Fields is with us. Mrs. Fields is one of Ethiopian's best singers. She is known to be one of the best singers we have. She sends her best regards to all friends.

Mrs. Mary Jones is singing with great success "Baby Love," and is over making good. She is the female member of the Two James, wooden shoe dancers.

Little Seymour James would like to hear from Happy Kimball. Business important. "Invincible Four" drop me a card some time. You don't write since you come doyn home in "Bain." Do you get me? Ha! ha!

The two James (Seymour and Mary) are still singing, talking and dancing. They are real dancers.

Mr. Young, our manager, thanks every performer that answered the ad he had in a few weeks ago.

We are epecting to have a jolly Xmas. Boyd & Boyd (Al and Coro), Chas. English, John Neal, George Bell, T. H. Jones, Chub Hawkins, Ele Dukes, Seymour and Mary James are the ones that are pleasing with the troubadours.

Chub Hawkins is still at the piano. Ele Dukes drums. Hawkins & Dukes are there with the goods. Watch the Christmas issue. Nuf sed.

J. C. O'BRIEN'S FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS—No. 2 SHOW.

By C. J. Creushaw.

We have just arrived in the state of Mississippi. Clinton is our first stand. We spent Sunday in Ruskin, La., and met Prof. Miles and his bunch of jolly good fellows. The bunch came down to our car and spent quite a while with us. We left Ruskin at 5:30 and our next stop was at Vicksburg, where we spent the night. We all had the pleasure of crossing the ferry, as our car, Ruth, was rushed on the ferry to cross the Mississippi river. That was a great sight to those had never seen a boat carry a train of cars across the river.

The show is making good and much credit is due to Mr. Tom Scott, who succeeded Hi Jerry Barnes as stage manager. Mr. Scott is loved by every member on the show and is a comedian that we all feel proud of. The show has the ginger in it since he has been manager. The people work with so much ease there is not a dull moment during the whole show.

Clarke & Clarke in their novelty act are keeping the audience spellbound. Returning with their singing and talking act they scream the house. Then Riley and Riley with their act keep the house in an uproar in our first part.

Mr. Johnnie McKinnie opens the show singing campmeeting with much success. Mr. Tom Shaw singing "Way Down in Arkansaw." Mrs. Maggie Motto singing "When It's Night Time in Dixie Land." Mrs. Lillie Clarke sings the "International Rag." Mr. Sam Morris sings "Back to the Carolina You Love." Mr. John Lewis sings "I Am a Fool Who Believes in You." Mr. W. R. Earl and Mr. Tom Scott, principle comedians, keep them laughing. Mr. Earl, the funny man, is a scream. Mr. Earl sings "I Ain't Nobody's Fool," and they bring him back. Mr. Tom Scott catches them singing "Buckwheat Cakes."

The show closes with the "South Before the War."

Our band is still the feature attraction on the streets and our band concert at night, playing standard overtures, with some ragtime. Much credit is due Prof. Halloway in handling his band. He always has the smile that won't come off. I must say that he is a bandmaster and a firstclass orchestra leader and knows just what it takes to please the public.

Well, we will play home, sweet home, December 7th, at Savannah, Ga., to go home and meet our loved ones after an absence of forty weeks of steady traveling. We all are in fine spirits and fine shape for the ghost has never failed to walk every Sunday since we have been out and our grouch bags will be pretty heavy when the band plays, "Home, Sweet Home." The bunch sends their regards to all in and out of the profession. The writer sends his regards to Messrs. Ed Carvis, J. S. Stanford and Ed. Wright. Happy Howe sends his regards to Golf Kennedy and Buddie Glenn and the Rabbit Foot bunch.

NEW YORK NEWS.

By Billy E. Jones.

Moss and Frey are at the Temple Theater, Syracuse, N. Y.

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Marshall and Gribble are at the Dekalb Theater, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Brooks and Bowen are at the Orpheum Theater, Lincoln, Neb.

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Nicholas and Robinson are at the Lyric Theater, Hoboken, N. J.

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S. H. Dudley and mule are at the Pantages Theater, Vancouver, B. C.

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Jones and Johnson open this week at Younge Street Theater, Toronto, Can.

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Would like to hear from E. H. Robbins in regard to joining an act. Billy E. Jones, 131 Willoughby St., Brooklyn.

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The Miller Musical Family, of Washington, D. C., are still scoring successfully on the bills in the houses down east.

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Miss Lulu Fields, vaudeville pianist, open for engagements, cabaret or hotel and acts rehearse. 174 East 77th St., New York City.

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Billy E. Jones, the popular vocalist of New York, is singing a new ballad hit, "What a Wonderful Mother You'd Be," and one of the best ballad hits he has sung in a long time.

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The Al Brown Entertainers' Club, which is one of the best of its kind in the city, held their opening last week in New York at their club rooms, 103 West One Hundred and Thirty-second street, near Lenox avenue.

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Gloomy Gus Smith, that funny comedian, and Walter Robison, enroute with Richard & Pringles Minstrels. Regards to both of you. Will write soon. Somewhat busy at present time and wish you all success. Billy E. Jones.

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When the all-colored show, "Darkydom," headed by Miller and Lyles, closed in Philadelphia recently it was said John Cort had ordered the closing to reproduce the show for Broadway Theater. Mr. Cort had the company booked for a tour of the west. But after looking it over in Philadelphia concluded he might make it go in New York for a run.

NOTES FROM RICHARD & PRINGLE'S FAMOUS MINSTRELS.

For the third time in one season we are headed east. For the third time in one season we have gazed upon the peaceable Pacific ocean, and crossed the Mississippi river. I say the above to confirm a statement made some time ago by yours truly that Richard and Pringle's minstrels cover more territory in one season than any show extant. Business continues good and we are all happy.

Clarence Powell sends regards to Ed Tolliver, Chick Berman, Sylvester Russell, S. H. Dudley and Salem Tutt Whitney.

P. G. Lowery, who is continually adding new numbers to his already large repertoire of music, has now enough overtures at his command to play a different concert each night for a week.

The Gun Club has demonstrated that they have some sharpshooters among them that the warring nations of Europe would be glad to have. Mauzie Campbell killed enough birds for a fine feed with a rifle. Miles Hunter, David D. Smith, Girard Millar, Clarence Powell, Walter Robinson, Benny Jones, Whiten Viney are a few of the members of the Gun Club.

David D. Smith's big act is one mighty scream, featuring as a song number, "Down Where the Watermelon Grows."

Girard Millar, our basso profundo, received the sad news that to save his wife's life she had to undergo an operation at once. We all hope for her a speedy recovery and extend our sympathy to Mr. Millar, who is a christian and a gentleman.

The saxaphone trio which consists of Edward Carr, Albert Fredericks and Irvin Richardson, are getting some mighty nifty music out of the instruments that pleases the audience nightly.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATER, PHILADELPHIA.

(J. H. Gray, 1221 Pine St.)

Pretty girls, witty comedians, bright music and a plentiful supply of interesting specialties were combined in the show which was offered this week at Gibson's New Standard Theatre. Those who helped to entertain were Johnny Peters trio, whose fine dancing proved their mastery of time. Brown and DeMott were one of tme much-liked acts on the bill. Brown joyously poked fun at DeMott, and she kept up the playful mood with all sorts of pranks and lots of merry quips. Of course there was singing, but neither Brown nor DeMott took vocalizing as a serious thing in life. Their "Every one must reap what they sow" caught on at once and they made many friends while here. Scotch music act tria was enjoyable. Criswell and Avery pleased while Gant and Perkins, two women, worked hard to try to sing and dance before a critical audience. The show rounded out with the ten Black Hussars, which made an immediate hit. Next week Mr. Gibson will present "Broadway Rastus," which is playing at the Peoples Theatre (white house) this week. Of course it was a hit and the white people are clamoring for more. This is the only road show for some years that has played in a white theatre in this city, which bespeaks well of its meritoriousness.

NOTES OF THE WORLD'S FAIR SHOWS.

By Jasper Coble (Jelly Roll).

We are still in Arkansas and business has been only fair on account of the severe cold weather, but we are southward bound and next week we will be in the state of Louisiana. We are expecting a eight-piece band and orachestra to streigthen our minstrel show next week. The team of Higgs & Higgs are still "cleaning up." The big four end men, Fred Capelton, Sam Russell, Gus Williams, and Jasper Coble, the real jelly roll, kept the audience in an uproar from curtain to curtain. Miss Lovey Jones and Miss Geraline Johnson are more than making good with their latest song hits. We expect to be out all winter. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Will be glad to hear from any one, any time. Write in care of the Freeman.

J. C. O'BRIEN'S GEORGIA MINSTREL No. 1.

Prof. G. W. Ayers, Band and Orchestra Leader.

We are back in the state of Georgia with a few more stands in South Carolina, closing on December 6, with a very successful season at Savannah, Ga., and there we will meet the J. C. O'Brien Minstrel No. 2 and all of our very dear friends of that company with a hearty welcome and a general old-time hand-shaking will take place. Everybody on the No. 1 show has had very good health all season and no one being compelled to leave the show on account of sickness. So we as members of the company are very thankful that we have been spared to close the season of 1915 with the J. C. O'Brien Georgia Minstrel, with everybody being of good cheer and preparing to meet their relatives and friends at their homes and spend their vacation of a few months. Prof. G. W. Ayers will leave Savannah, Ga., for Louisville, Ky., where he will spend his vacation with his relatives and many friends who will greet him with a very welcome hand, and remain there during the winter season until time to start in to rehearsing for the season of 1916 which is supposed to be the biggest in all of J. C. O'Brien's Minstrel career, as he is still growing larger and larger each year, last year putting out the No. 2 show and this coming year putting out the No. 3 show.

ALEXANDER TOLLIVER'S BIG SHOW.

Week Nov. 29th, found us still in the city of Mobile, and business continues good. The weather was a little cool the first part of the week, but turned warm the last half. The big top was heated with eight big salamanders which made it very pleasant. Everything is still running smoothly and everyone is still holding on, as what we can understand from reliable parties things are not very pleasant in vaudeville at present, and here the ghost walks every week. Xmas gifts are making their appearance already, and there is a number of valuable presents being given by the performers on the show. There is a number of persons in this city who take part in amateur contests who, with a little training would be a credit to the profession, as there are some very good singers, dancers and acrobats. Mr. Tolliver is still working hard on his big sensation which he will put before the public next season. The show that will employ more performers than any negro show ever on the road. One of the big features will be colored women aerialists, so performers, if you have got anything that would be a sensation now is the time to use it. Mail will always reach us through the Freeman. All the bunch send regards to friends in and out of the profession.

THEATRICAL NEWS OF DALLAS, TEXAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Chintze Moore and their company of all-stars are back from a week's extra engagement at Corsicana, where they played to packed houses nightly. While away the interior of the Park theatre was thoroughly repainted and rearranged to better accommodate the patrons. They have one of the best singing shows that has ever been heard in Dallas. You are cordially invited to the Park. Strict order is ever maintained.

It's Lee and Hooper, now at the Star nightly. The Alabama minstrels were their offerings last Sunday matinee and night to packed houses at both performances and to make it mild, the riots of funny acting of this company kept the audience at it from start to finish. They have the funniest show ever. It is clean and classy. It was Bumpsky's Day at Home. Mr. Willie Edwards, Hi Henry Hunt and others are featured in this show. The Arnte company is here and making good.

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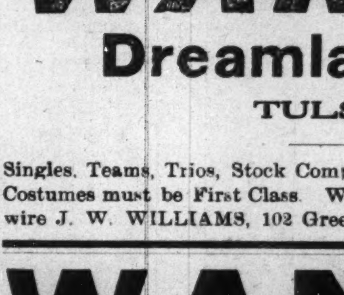

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WILLS WALLOPS BOSTON TAR BABY.

Sam Langford Is Decisively Outpointed in Savage Ten-Round Bout.

Harry Fast and Clever—Elongated New Orleans Negro Punches Himself Out on Squat Rival.

By George B. Underwood.

On March 3, 1916, Jess Willard is going to defend his title against a chap from Minnesota named Fred Fulton. The aforementioned Fred Fulton not so long ago was knocked out in eighteen rounds by Harry Wills, an elongated coon from New Orleans.

At the Harlem Sporting Club last night Wills showed the fight fans that when it comes to fighting he is right there with the bells on. And this is the way he demonstrated it:

He beat Sam Langford practically all of the way in one of the fastest bouts between big fellows ever seen in this neck of the woods. The big darky from Dixie hammered the Tar Baby from Boston to a fare-thee-well, pouring in such a fusillade of punches in the early rounds that he wore himself out making a punching bag of Langford.

Wonderfully fast and clever for his size, packing a snappy punch in both maulers, a splendid judge of distance and a good timer of punches. Wells circled around Langford and met the fierce rushes of the Boston demon with smashing lefts and rights that crashed home with sickening thuds. Spectators grew weary trying to count the number of times the black mauler of Mr. Wells splashed into the black phiz of Mister Langford.

How the Tar Baby weathered the storm of polthogues hurled in by Wills is a mystery, but weather it he did, and kept coming right in for more. Sam tried desperately to land a haymaker, but Wills was too fast and clever. The final bell found two very fatigued coons trying to annihilate one another.

Marty Cross Wins.

In the opening ten round affair Marty Cross of the Clan Wallach, defeated Kid German, the Pekin, Ill., scrapper. Cross had two and a half pounds the advantage of Herman in the weights, which were 140 and 137½ pounds, respectively. Herman gave the brother of Leches a corking scrap, but got a hard beating in the last three rounds.

The weights in the big fight were announced as Langford, 195 pounds; Wills, 203 pounds. Sam was as fat as a prize porker about the belt line, but the flesh rolls cover corrugated iron stomach muscles.

There was a delay on account of Langford being furnished gloves that didn't "mate." One was an old one and the other new and unused. Sam wouldn't allow the shindig to be started till he was brought a brand new glove to match the other one. Jim Buckley, Wills's manager, examined Langford's gloves closely to see Sam hadn't a brick or a bomb concealed in them.

When the gong clanged they started to mix it, the battle looked like a duel between a black Mutt and a black Jeff. The elongated Wills towered over the Tar Baby, who was almost as broad as he was tall.

Wills showed he could fight right off the reel. Several times in the opening round he whipped in lefts and rights that drove Langford back on his heels. He took Langford's powerful swings without wincing and crashed in cleanly driven smashes in return that would have knocked any one but a Langford stone cold.

Five rights in succession flush to the jaw jarred Langford from head to heel at the start of the second. Sam's grin had been wiped off his face, and the Tar Baby's scowl was grim and foreboding. Wills was wonderfully fast for a big fellow, and he landed damaging punches at will. The New Orleans black had all the better of the first two rounds.

Looked Bad for Sam.

Langford rushed in the third, but was driven back with a shower of pile-driving lefts and rights. Wills's wallops seemed to carry terrific power, and it seemed a wonder how Langford kept on his feet.

While Harry hammered Sam's jaw unceasingly, the big New Orleans coon did not neglect body punching, and he repeatedly hurled his black maulers wrist deep in Langford's midsection. At the end of the third it looked as if Langford clearly had met his master.

Sam uncorked an attack that was Bersock in its savageness in the fourth. The Tar Baby tore in and hurled clublike lefts and rights at Wills in volleys. Coolly Wills met the vicious assaults of the Boston Demon, blocking, ducking and sidestepping, lunging in occasionally with straight lefts and crossing rights. Wills fought on the defensive in the fourth, seemingly trying to husband his efforts. Langford's aggressiveness won him the round by a shade.

Wills got that terrific crossing right of his working again in the fifth, and the way the giant New Orleans darky landed on Langford's jaw it looked as if Sam would be driven through the boards. Wills popped his right to the jaw several times and then opened up with left hooks. Left and right, then left and right again, crashed in Wills's black fists. He battered down Langford's defense and the great Sam was hanging on at the bell.

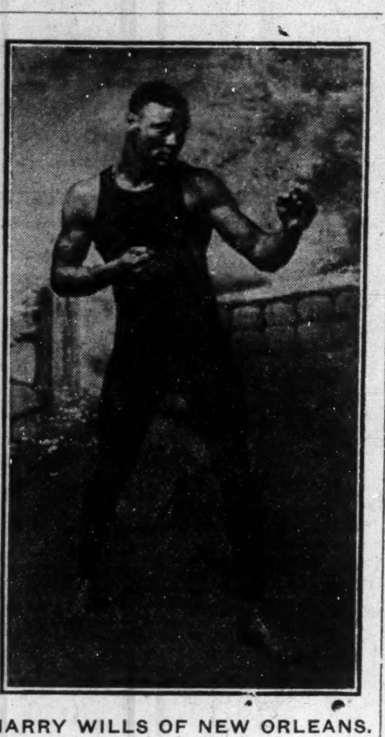
Rings Up Bull's-eyes.

At the start of the sixth Wills got to Langford with smashing lefts and rights, but the Tar Baby stolidly pushed in to the rain of polthogues and ripped away with heavy damaging blows himself.

Wills, however, kept getting inside Langford's attack, and made a punching bag out of the Tar Baby. Wills was battering Langford to a pulp. Sam, however, was taking the punishment stolidly, and grimly boring in for more.

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE FIGHTING DEMON?

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—At a meeting a few weeks ago at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, Cal., the question came up among a number of renowned fistic writers, boxing promoters, boxing critics, newspaper editors and sporting men as to what has become of Mose Finney, better known as Kid Finney, the colored flash who for a number of years was a terror and a demon among the leading topnotchers in the bantamweight and featherweight division. Jim Coffroth America's leading boxing promoter, who is a personal friend of Jimmie McCarthy, the flash's manager, and who thinks like all of the other leading boxing critics in this country, that the little colored bear cat when in shape can whip his weight in wild cats. Tip the gang off as to the trouble with McCarthy's flash. Finney has about grown tired of the boxing game for the past 18 months Jimmie has had his hands full in trying to keep the kid in the straight and narrow path. Is the Kid boozing? Ask one of the bunch. No, said Coffroth, the Kid never touches a drop of intoxicating liquor in his life. It's the skirts. Kid loves the ladies, the ponies, the cards and the dice, and has made a nice little fortune in the ring, but has squandered it all away just like Dixon, McGovern, Young Corbett and a number of other great fighters. All of the good white topnotchers are passing him up now. None of them cares for any of his game. He's too tough, they all say. The Kid isn't like the present day boxer that we see and meet in the streets. Outside of the ring one wouldn't take him to be a boxer, for he is courteous and when he approaches you it's always with a smile and a kind word, but in the ring he is a demon and a born fighting machine. One minute you see him a feinting and tying his opponent up in knots and laughing at making his opponent miss and breaking his neck trying to cover up. Then he starts dancing in and out jabbing and raining all kinds of blows on his opponent and like the flash that he is he starts rushing, slugging and then he will start fighting like a wild cat. The Kid is some boy, a flashy boxer and a born fighter. But we think that the little colored veteran is broke and tired of the game. Recently we watched the Kid training with Featherweight Champion of the world, Johnny Kilbane, and he showed the king of the featherweights that he could give in return just as much as that he was receiving, and he proved to the featherweight boss that he knew just as much about fighting and boxing as he did. After the afternoon's work out Jimmy Dunn asked the Kid why he didn't cut out the running around, the skirts and late hours and get in good condition. The Kid who stammers just said A--a-a-ah what's the use? I-I-I've got as near to the championship as th-that I will ever get. The champion and all th-th-the other topnotch white boxers are drawing the line and wh-wh-what is the use of training hard for these dubs for the money that the clubs are paying for slaughtering them. What if you should get knocked out, said Dunn. Well, said the flash, th-th-the real hard guys have never knocked me out. And when a dub stops me, I'm through with the game, and Coffroth and the rest of the boxing critics and sporting men all over the country know now what's the trouble with the flash and his manager. Kid is about tired of the game and its impossible for McCarthy to keep him away from the bright lights and steer him back into the straight and narrow path again, which will keep him at the top of the pugilistic ladder for many years to come. Then Dunn tried to coax and pursuade the flash to cut out the fast life, which has ruined so many others of the leading topnotchers. Ah, what's the use, said the Kid. I've made good and I'm still as good as the rest of the topnotchers. . I've reached the height of my ambition and smiled and said, so long Jimmy; will see you tomorrow. My name will go down in history as being one of the greatest fighting machines that ever lived and the Kid's name has been written down in history with all of the rest of the world's great fighting machines, barring none, white or black.


HARRY WILLS OF NEW ORLEANS.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Jamaica Kid, of British Honduras, Kid Green, manager, 548 Rampart and Lafayette streets, New Orleans.

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Howard H. McGinnis presents a new boxer, weight 122 pounds, who is willing to meet any boy in his class. Word will reach him through his manager, Mr. McGinnis, 2922 Welton street, Denver, Colo.

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Mexican Kid beat Jackie Moore at Kansas City, Mo., the night of November 24, in ten rounds. He beat Kid Spadie in six rounds in St. Joe., Mo., the night of December 1. He has a return engagement with Jackie Moore on the 15th of December. Will also box George Lamb on a near future date. The kid is willing to meet all comers at 122-133 pounds. He sails for British Honduras on the first week in January.

Address Mexican Kid, 507 East Eighteenth street, Kansas City, Mo.

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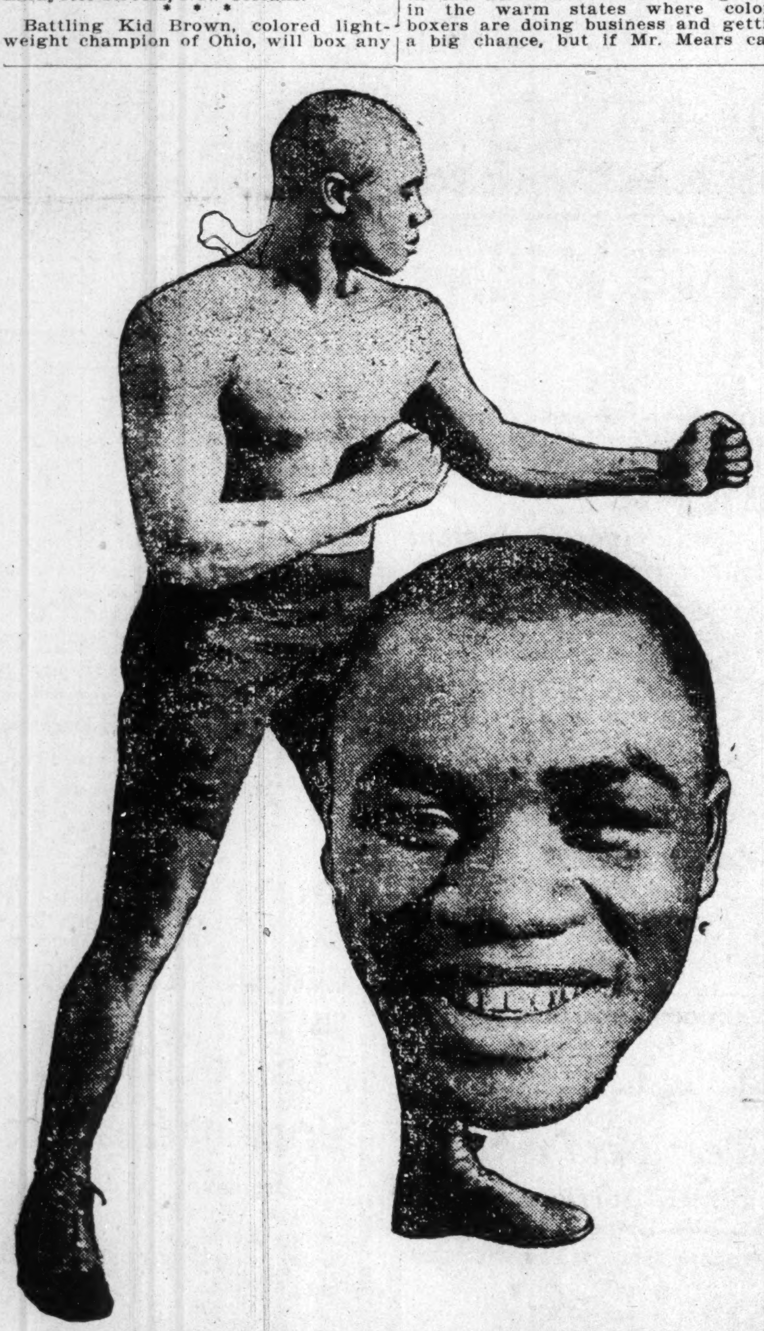
New Orleans, La.—Jamaica Kid of British Honduras, fought Gorrilla Jones of New York, on the 21st of November, twenty-rounds of hard fighting. After the fifteenth round, Jamaica Kid knocked down Gorrilla Jones in every round and just maulling him all over the ring in the eighteenth when the referee, Colter, awarded the decision over to Jamaica Kid. But Jones objected to it and they let them fight on and the Jamaica was jumping across the ring beating him and knocking him down until the twentieth round, when the Jamaica Kid was given the decision over him. This fight took place at McElroy, La.


SAM LANGFORD, JACK JOHNSON'S EARSTWHILE RIVAL.

CARLISE DROPS FOOTBALL.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—The Carlisle team will not be a contender in future intercollegiate football games as a result of a decision by Secretary Lane yesterday, after a conference with Commissioner Sells, of the Indian service, and Superintendent Lipps, of the Carlisle Indian school.

Secretary Lane held that in the future football must be subordinated to the educational features of the school, deciding that while the game could be continued, it would be impossible for the team to make the showing that it should in the intercollegiate games, owing to the large number of men now being educated in industrial and manufacturing establishments.

It developed that of seventeen Carlisle Indians employed last year in one of the automobile factories thirteen were on the team or had been on previous teams. All returned to the school during the football season, at a sacrifice of educational opportunity as well as wages.

BASEBALL COLOR LINE IS DRAWN BY POLICE

Baseball contests between professional baseball clubs composed of white and colored players will not be permitted in Indianapolis. The color line has been drawn by the police. Capt. Barmfuhrer said yesterday, following the arrest of two colored players who are alleged to have assaulted Jim Scanlon, an umpire, at Federal park, several weeks ago, that he believed the only action he could take was to suspend the playing of contests between whites and blacks.

Oscar Charleston and Elwood DeMoss, members of the A. B. C. team, a colored organization, were arrested yesterday, charged with assault and battery. The two players were arrested at Federal park, when the umpire was attacked. They have been in Cuba on an extended tour and did not arrive in Indianapolis in time to appear in Police Court to answer to the charges of assault and battery at the time set. Tom Bowser, who is said to be interested in the A. B. C. club, gave bond for the two players and Judge Deery forfeited the bonds when they failed to appear in court. The result was that both were rearrested when they arrived in the city.

"It occurs to me that it is time to call a halt in baseball playing between whites and blacks when two teams of mixed colors can not play a game without trouble," said Capt. Barmfuhrer yesterday. "It is not the fact that one or more of the colored players struck Umpire Scanlon, but it is the principle of the whole argument that had caused this action. I have talked to several witnesses, and there is no doubt but what the two colored players incited trouble, which might have been more serious than it was."

Charleston and DeMoss are held under $1,000 bond on charges of assault and battery.—From Indianapolis Star, December 5.

KID HOY TO VISIT THE SOUTH.

Battling Mears, of Moultrie, Ga., now manager of Kid Hoy, the claimant of the world's colored middleweight title, leaves Toledo, Ohio, to do business in the southern cities. Hoy states, through The Freeman, the following:

"I have been corresponding with my new manager, Mr. B. Mears, who resides in Moultrie, Ga., for fully six weeks, and Mr. Mears says my services are needed and that there are several high-class boxers who claim the title I am holding. I've wrote Mears to forward me transportation ticket on or before November 26, as I am idle in the north and I want to get out in the warm states where colored boxers are doing business and getting a big chance, but if Mr. Mears can't see his way clear to act as he has told me, I will not bother any longer and I'll go elsewhere to seek bouts, as I realize if boxing is O. K. in the southern cities and I can be kept busy, there is no use of me being in Ohio. Now I hear of Christy Williams. Williams is a good boxer and I have seen him (Christy) defeat both Battling Monroe, of Lima, Ohio, and Kid Ash, of Cincinnati, Ohio, at Lima, Ohio. I paid the little city a visit in order to get hooked with Williams, as I knew who the winner would be. I asked Christy to meet me after he rested up about a month or so. Mr. Christy did well in bouts in Ohio state. After a few days I missed him and I've never seen him since. Maybe brag butetaoim fwtadad the maaund my game was to tough. I won't brag, but I trust if any club promoter needs by services in a bout against any challenger I'll receive it. But the Future City A. C. of St. Louis, Mo., is barred for me, nothing doing. I have not signed any contract papers with Mr. B. Mears the Georgia manager, but will should I get with him and see that he is a square fellow. But I don't intend to linger in the north, so its up to Mr. Mears to get busy before November 26th. I'll close,

KID HOY, Middleweight,
511 Huron St.

EASEBALL NEWS—THE BEST-LIKED PLAYERS

Many a fan has asked me why pitchers are not good batters.

"I should think," said some friend of mine while we were discussing baseball during the recent world's series (it was the day after Dutch Leonard had not got even a foul at the bat), "that pitchers would hit better than anybody else because they could get on to the wrinkles of the man working against them and would know whether he was going to throw a curve or a fast one."

That sounds like a reasonable argument, except that most pitchers are not good ball players. If it was not for their pitching ability they would be buried so deep in the bushes that they would never get the sand burrs out of their hair, or they would be pitching hay. Most twirlers are carried along with a big league team for their ability to throw the ball and for nothing else in the world. The old idea that a pitcher can not hit because he only gets a chance to bat every four or five games is the wrong one. It is true a twirler does have an opportunity to gather as much experience at bat as a regular, but this makes little difference. It is the fact that most of them are not good ball players—at least, not of big league "sticking" caliber.

Of course, once in a while a pitcher crops up who can sting the ball a mile. For example, John Coombs and Ruth, of the Boston Red Sox, and Otis Crandall, but they are few and far between. A good hitting pitcher in a ball club means a whole lot in the game, for the manager has nine batters in his lineup. Pitchers are paying more attention to batting than they used to, although I have seen the days when a manager would send the twirler up to the plate with orders to strike out on purpose. This strategic move is usually made in hot weather when the twirler is gasping for breath all the way, and the manager does not want him to indulge in any extra effort. It used to be a great trick of the old Cubs to try to get a pitcher on the bases when the weather was tough, and then get him to run himself to death. They would beat him in the next inning.

Marquard was pitching a grand game against Chicago one day after he had started taking his regular turn in the box with the Giants. It was a very hot day, and a pitcher needed all the energy he could carry. Rube was never what you call a dangerous hitter, anyway. It was his turn to bat along about the sixth inning.

"Go up there and strike out," ordered McGraw.

Rube thought the boss was crazy when he told him to fan. He went up and got a hit. He was so excited over it that he ran his head off on the bases, and they got four runs off him before McGraw chased him in the next inning. The Cubs had planned it and gave Marquard a groove ball to hit. Chance had conferred with his pitcher when he saw the Rube moving to the plate. After the game, Rube was still talking about his hit in the clubhouse, for it was a rare thing for him to collect.

"I'll tell you what I am going to do," said McGraw, interrupting Marquard's discussion of his batting ability without excusing himself. "I am going to fine you twenty-five for making that hit instead of striking out when I told you to. If you had struck out, we would have won that ball game today, and that's what we are in the league for. Always try to remember that."

Pitching is not ball playing. Pitchers are not often good base runners, and, when a man does come into the league as a pitcher and shows signs of having extra ability as a batter and a base runner, he is usually changed into some other position, since the smart manager wants to have him there every day. Often the best youngster in a game becomes the pitcher because he thinks it is the most important job. He grows up still believing he is a pitcher and comes into the big league labeled a twirler.

McGraw came into the big league as a pitcher, but he was too much of a ball player. They wanted him in there every day for his hitting and general ability. He became a star third baseman, one of the best that ever played the game.

Robertson, the kid outfielder for the Giants, who is a natural hitter, was a pitcher when McGraw first sighted him, and he might have been one yet, except that he hurt himself playing football. He became an outfielder and a good one. He can bat, and he is very fast. If he had been living on his pitching ability alone he would be in the far sticks after hurting himself in football. McGraw was pretty sore when Robbie broke his promise and played in "just one more game of football." It injured his arm so that he will never be able to pitch again.

I guess if I had to depend on my ball playing ability I would never have seen the lining of a big league clubhouse unless as a visitor. When I was a kid I made the fatal mistake of trying to bat cross-handed—that is, with the wrong hand on top. However, I soon learned that this wasn't getting me anything, so I switched my form. But the pitchers, as a rule, do not ask to be taken out even now when they see me coming to the plate.—Christy Mathewson.

BICYCLE RACE IN NEW YORK.

Seventeen Teams Get Under Way at One Minute Past Midnight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—All the seventeen teams entered for the twenty-third annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden started at one minute after midnight. Notwithstanding the European war, many prominent foreign riders are taking part in the annual grind. The rules governing last year's event will be enforced this year. Special prizes for sprints will be offered frequently during the week.

Ivor Lawson, Eddie Root, George Cameron, Harry Kaiser and Francisco Verri, who were prominent in former contests here, have been suspended on account of violations of rules in recent races at Chicago and Boston and are barred from this race. The contesting teams are: Fred Hill, Boston, and Alfred Grenda, Australia; Reggie McNamara and Bobbie Spears, Australia; Oscar Egg, Switzerland, and Marcel Dupuy, France; Jake Magin, Newark, and Percy Lawrence, San Francisco; Lloyd Thomas, San Francisco, and Martin Ryan, Newark; Joe Kopsky, New York, and Gus Wohlrab, Jersey City; Norman Hansen, Denmark, and Worthington Mitten, Davenport; Tim Sullivan, New Haven, and Norman Anderson, Denmark; Jimmy Moran, Chelsea, and Bobbie Walthour, Atlanta; Charles Piercy and Gordon Walker, Australia; Peter Drobach, South Boston, and Frank Corry, Australia; Ray Eaton and Eddie Madden, Newark; Paul Suter, Switzerland, and Vincenzo Madonna, Italy; Joe Fogler and Clarence Carman, Jamaica; Rudolph Ruddie-Russe, Austria, and Leon Vanderstuyft, Belgium; Willey Hanley, San Francisco, and Alfred Halstead, Sacramento, and Georges Seres, France, and Victor Linart, Belgium.

REFEREE CALLS BATTLIN' BALL-EARL MURPHY BOUT DRAW

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 7.—Battling Ball and Earl Murphy went eight clashing rounds at the Future City A. C. on November 26th. Referee Sport Sullivan called the bout a draw. It was one of the hardest battles that has been in St. Louis for a long time. Ball dropped Murphy three times with a hard right to the jaw. Murphy did his best work in close quarters and hooked his opponent time and time again. Murphy is a well experienced lad and a very willing mixer, and he has met some of the best lightweights in the country, such as Leo Patterson, Louis Young, Egghead Ratty, Kid One Round Sylvester and others. Every one left the fight well pleased and wants to see a return match with Ball in the shape of Murphy. Murphy is a strong boy, and if he had not been he would not have been out in the third round.

Young Hamilton beat Batting Johnny in the semifinals in 6 rounds. Black Battling Nelson was kayo in the fifth round by Young McVey. Christy Williams meets Jack Blackburn next week. Sport Sullivan will referee.

KNOCKOUT GRANT

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Special to The Freeman.

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Knockout Grant, the Cuban lightweight champion, wants to know why all of the colored boys in America are dodging a match with him. Just let some promoter or club manager give me one round-trip ticket and 25 per cent of the house and I will sign agreement to meet either one of the five fighters in a 10, 15 or 20-round go. As for Battling Jack Russell, I can stop him in four rounds. Now, boys, I mean business, and if those fake and so-called champs want to be the real champion of the world they will have to meet me, and I stand ready to defend my crown with any one of them. I am always in condition, and willing to meet them all at from 133 to 137 pounds ringside. I also would like to meet Mr. Darkie Griffin of New York City. I will meet Griffin on this proposition. One ticket one way and 25 per cent of the house money. And I will also agree that if Griffin can stop me within 10 rounds I will give him 20 per cent of my purse. Now, all of these boys think they are real champions; just try me, boys, and you will know who is the champ. I am very sorry to learn that Battling Ball has quit the game before I could get a crack at him. But I don't blame him a bit because we colored boys can't get any matches. Anyway, best wishes to all. Yours in sport,

KNOCKOUT GRANT,
450½ W. Broad St., Savannah, Ga.

IKE GRIFFIN'S FIGHTING RECORD.

Ike Griffin, the New York cyclone, beat Fighting Burns of Philadelphia, in one round (white). Knocked out Joe Urany of Rochester in five rounds (white). Beat Hock Bones in Charleston, S. C., in nine rounds, limit fifteen (colored). Beat Billy Love, of Birmingham, Ala., in nine rounds, limit fifteen (colored). Stopped Battling Mears in second round of fifteen round bout. Mears is supposed to be one of the hardest fighters in the game. This bout took place in Jacksonville, Fla.

I fight at 168 pounds, give and take 15 pounds.

Griffin beat John Bull Moore in Savannah in four rounds.

IKE GRIFFIN.

EMPIRE BOXING CLUB SMOKER DRAWS CROWD.

"Lil Arthur" Stigall Gets Best of Tommy Jones in Lively Bout.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 5.

A good sized and interested crowd of boxing fans last night took in the boxing smoker at the Empire Athletic club at the Froshine hall, Ninth avenue and Twelfth street. There was a lot of action and the bout of the evening was between Lil' Arthur Stigall, of Altoone, and Tommy Jones, of New castle. The general opinion of the spectators was Stigall had the shade the best of the go.

The smoker opened with a bout between "Kid" Parsons and Sammy Barndoller and the former outpointed his opponent. The second preliminary was scheduled to be between "Kid" Stotler and Fitz McGovern, but it didn't take place. Stotler either got cold feet or was holding out for more money.

Steve Conlon and "Kid" Delozier staged the semi-windup and the mill was a pretty and interesting one. They fought all the way and the go at times put the crowd to its feet. Conlon put up a clever bout and just shaded his opponent.

Stigall and Jones went right to it from the tap of the gong and kept going hammer and tongs until the final bell. Stigall showed class at times and so did Jones. It was a lively go and when it ended Stigall had a shade the best of the battling. "Rod" Sanders challenged the winner for a go at an early date.

Stigall will meet Red Sanders December 15, having challenged Stigall, the winner.

CHEYENNE, WYO.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. F. L. Donohoo has gone to Seattle, Wash., and other northwestern points for a week's business trip.

Mr. William Valentine has gone to the country for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. C. Ashford and Mrs. B. Walker and children have returned to their home in Lincoln after attending the funeral of their father and grandmother.

Those who are sick with the lagrippe epidemic this week are: Mrs. G. T. Muse, Miss L. Jefferson and Mrs. Charles Lucas.

The deepest sympathy of Cheyenne is extended to Mrs. Mallory in her hour of sadness because of the death of her cousin, Booker T. Washington. The race has lost a faithful friend.

The entire community has been in mourning over the sudden death of Mr. Charles Lucas and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lucinda Phillips. Mr. Lucas was ill eight days with pneumonia and while the household was bowed in grief over his death the mother-in-law three days later answered the same summons and was called to rest. A double funeral was held Friday and the remains were interred in Lakeview cemetery. A host of relatives and friends were left to mourn their loss. We simply bow to the will of the Master and say, "It is heaven's gain and our loss."

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Robinson are here from Oakland, Cal. They came to attend the funeral of their father and grandmother.

Mrs. W. E. Washington, of Grand Junction, Colo., is here for a short stay. Mrs. Washington came to attend the funeral of her father and grandmother.

Mrs. J. E. Brown had a course dinner for Thanksgiving. Those enjoying it were Mrs. Donahoo, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper.

The hospitality of J. C. Gaskins was extended to a few friends to eat turkey and other viands. Those enjoying it were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Edwards and son, Miss Pearl Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. William Witt and family and Mrs. Pryor, of Fort Russell.

The home of Mrs. J. E. Smith was once again opened to her friends for a Thanksgiving dinner. The invited guests were: Mr. H. C. Jefferson, Miss Lillian Jefferson, Mrs. Josephine Tyler and Miss Sallie Thistle.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

LOCALS.

The Thursday Coterie was the guest of Mrs. Mary Hodge this week.

The Topaz Cluster Club was the guest of Mrs. Catherine Armstead last Saturday week.

The Pierian club was the guest of Mrs. Oneida Chandler Friday evening at her home.

Mr. J. T. V. Hill gave an interesting entertainment Monday evening at Simpson Chapel M. E. church with views from her stereopticon machine.

Mrs. Mattie D. Robinson, of Danville, Ill., who underwent a successful operation on her jaw in Dr. J. H. Ward's sanitarium, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Katie Fretwell, 614 North California street, left on Wednesday for Chicago, to visit relatives and friends. She will be absent from the city three weeks.

Miss Vashtai McDonal gave a birthday surprise on her aunt, Mrs. John Norrell last Thursday evening at Mrs. Norrell's home in North Senate avenue. About twenty friends were present.

The local branch of the national advancement for the Advancement of Colored People held a meeting Monday evening with the president, R. C. Brokenbur, at Willis' chapel, in Michigan street.

The Browning club will be the guest of Mrs. Mary E. Cable last Sunday evening at her home in North West street. The dates of the meetings have been changed to the first Saturday evening in each month.

Mrs. Retta Moss, sectional director of the Woman's Council, gave a Japanese Tea and musical Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ada Cebolt, in California street for the benefit of the work of the Woman's Council.

Invitations have been issued for the thirty-fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. A. Cottman to be held at St. Paul Temple A. M. E. church next Thursday evening, Dec. 16. A short program will be rendered. Rev. J. L. Craven, P. E., will be master of ceremonies.

Mr. Sidney Kirk, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago, will give a recital at the Second Christian church Friday evening of this week, under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Sunday school class. The proceeds will go to the organ fund. Mr. Kirk will be assisted by Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown, a dramatic reader.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Farmer, of Oxford street, entertained at 10 o'clock breakfast Sunday, in honor of Mrs. J. M. Rose, of Windham, Mont., and Mr. Hartsel Balls, of Lewistown, Mont.; also for their daughter, Miss Pennetta Artis, who has just recently returned from a three months' visit in the South. Covers were laid for five.

The board of directors of the Alpha Home met last Thursday evening to complete arrangements for the observance of founders' day, and the dinner which take place about the fifteenth of this month at Willis' chapel in West Michigan street. Mrs. Pauline Merritt, of California, who gave the buildng for the home more than a quarter of a century ago, sent her annual contribution of $100.

"MAJOR" TAYLOR COMES TO TOWN.

Major Taylor, who for years gained fame in the bicycle racing world, in foreign countries, as well as the U. S., was in Indianapolis Tuesday and Wednesday on business, also meeting old acquaintances. The Major left for Chicago to visit his sister after which he will return to his home in Worcester, Mass.

THE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

Madame Meadows had a very large crowd Monday night, both white and colored people. She gave ninety messages from the past and all were recognized. She makes everyone welcome at her meetings, which are held from 8:30 to 10:30 every Monday evening.

"FOR SWEET CHARITY."

A Travelogue will be given "for sweet charity" by Madam C. J. Walker at Pythian hall for the benefit of the Alpha Home, Monday evening, January 24, 1916. A prize of $5.00 in gold will be given to the person selling the largest number of tickets. Mrs. Susie Williams, president; Mme. C. J. Walker, chairman. Admission, 10 cents.

HENRY HART IS DEAD AT AGE OF 75.

Henry Hart, age seventy-five, for years one of the most popular colored musicians in Indianapolis, died Tuesday at his home, 1223 North Capitol avenue, following a sickness which had confined him to his home for nearly two years. Complications of heart trouble and the advance of old age caused his death.

Mr. Hart had been a resident of Indianapolis for more than thirty years, during which time his "fiddle," his genial good nature and love of things musical had gained him a host of friends which numbered some of the most prominent citizens in the city. For years he led a small stringed orchestra, which in years gone by was a necessary part of the success of club openings and social events in Indianapolis.

Mr. Hart is survived by the widow, five daughters, Mrs. Brown McDavid, Hot Springs, Ark.; Mrs. J. L. Fry, Chicago; Mrs. A. H. Hendricks, Indianapolis; Mrs. G. F. Hawkins, St. Louis, and Miss Willie Hart, of Indianapolis, and one foster daughter, Miss Sarah Hart, of Indianapols. The burial was held at Evansville, Ind.

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DR. J. K. NICKENS IN DECATUR

Dr. J. K. Nickens is in Decatur, Ill., this week and next week filling engagements in Decatur, and will also go to Springfield, Ill., on his lecture tour. While there he will be the guest of his brothers and other relatives. Dr. Nickens has just closed a series of successful lectures in this city.

DR. GEO. H. SHAFFER'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Geo. H. Shaffer's entrance into the itinerant ministry was celebrated last Tuesday night by the minstry and laity of the Indiana Conference of the A. M. E. church at Bethel church. Distinguished ministers from all over the state came to participate in the exercises which were a fitting tribute to the life and character of a man whose career has been closely interwoven with the growth and development of the great denomination with which he ies identified. The exercises at the church were preceded by a banquet at the Y. M. C. A. tendered to Dr. and Mrs. Shaffer and the ministers and their wives.

At the church, Dr. J. L. Craven was master of ceremonies and addresses were made by Father Lemuel Stokes, Dr. Martin Lewis, and others, and a silver loving cup, purses of gold, a golden crucifix and engrossed addresses were presented to the distinguished clergyman, and letters and telegrams were read from men prominent in the life of the church and nation. Dr. Shaffer replied to the enconiums and testimonials in a touching address of gratitude and thankfulness.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Service Sunday Afternoon at Tomlinson Hall.

The Booker Washington memorial committee held a meeting Monday night at the colored Y. M. C. A. and completed all arrangements for the memorial service, which is to be held at Tomlinson hall, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by the citizens of Indianapolis. The speakers will be the Rev. Dr. D. P. Roberts, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. P. Roberts, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. of the Mt. Zion Baptist church; Charles W. Fairbanks, Hugh Hanna, formerly a trustee of Tuskegee, and George L. Hayes, supervising principal in the city public schools and for the last three years a member of the summer school faculty of the Tuskegee Normal.

Musical Program Consisting of Three Numbers to Precede the Regular Program Beginning at 2 O'Clock Sharp.

1. "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" United Choirs; 2. "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," United Choirs; 3. "Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus," United Choirs; 4. Introductory remarks presenting the chairman; 5. Introductory remarks, J. H. Lott, chairman; 6. Invocation, Rev. H. L. Herod; 7. "Onward Christian Soldiers," Band, Orchestra, Choirs and Audience; 8. Original Poem, William Linden; 9. Resolutions, Dr. S. A. Furniss; 10. "Nearer My God to Tee," United Choirs and Audience; 11. Eulogy, Dr. D. P. Roberts; 12. Tribute, Hon. C. W. Fairbanks; 13. "Steal Away to Jesus," United Choirs; 14. Eulogy, Rev. G. W. Ward; 15. Tribute, Mr. H. H. Hanna; 16. Eulogy, Prof. G. L. Hayes; 17. "Lead Kindly Light," United Choirs; 18. Proposition of a Permanent Memorial to Dr. Booker T. Washington, introduced by F. B. Ransom, and supported by A. E. Manning, G. L. Knox, W. W. Hyde, Dr. C. R. Atkins, Dr. E. A. Clark, Rev. G. W. Gore, Jas. N. Shelton, Lillian Jones Brown, R. L. Bailey, Mrs. Mattie Brigsby, R. L. Brokenburr, Lucas B. Willis, Madam C. J. Walker, A. C. Moss, W. S. Henry, R. B. Smith, Rev. B. E. Farrell and J. D. Howard; 19. Closing—"Day is Dying," United Choirs.

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MAYFIELD, KY., NEWS.

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Persons desiring the Christmas number on Saturday, Dec. 25, please notify the agent, old phone 325.

Mrs. Mitt Brisendine, beloved wife of Allen Brisendine, departed this life Dec. 2, and was buried Dec. 3 at Maplewood cemetery. Funeral services were conducted at St. James A. M. E. church by Rev. A. W. Jackson, pastor.

Miss Sadie Beadles is suffering with tonsilitis.

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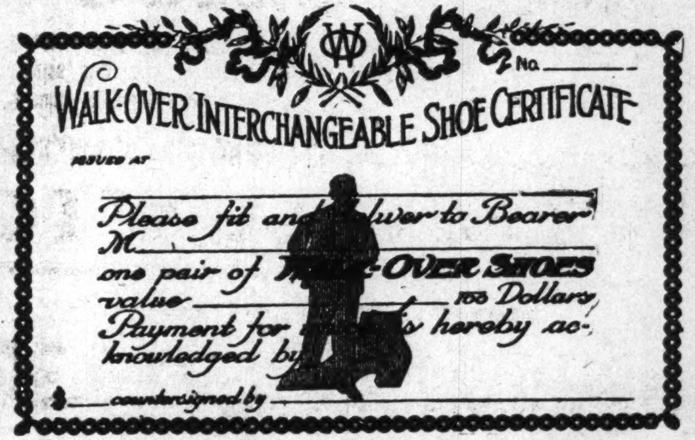

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